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GOVERNOR PINGREE IDENTIFIED

by
Ronald J. Benice

The Governor Pingree token was first attributed to the Yukon by Lew Egnew in the June 1980 issue of ATC&PN based on a photograph he found in a book. But he had no idea who Gov. Pingree was. I was able to research this and uncovered two Governor Pingrees, one from Michigan and one from Vermont. So, Les Hill and Scott Simpson gave both names and left it as an open mystery in their 1990 book.

Since the ship was built by the Boston and Alaska Transportation Company which was incorporated in Maine, I would have guessed that it was Samuel Everett Pingree, governor of Vermont from 1884 to 1886 being honored. That would have been wrong.

The book, "Klondike Letters, The Correspondence of a Gold Seeker in 1898" published in 1984 by Alaska Northwest Publishing Company is filled with letters from Alfred G. McMichael, a native of Michigan. Among them are several that refer to Hazen Smith Pingree, governor of Michigan from 1896 to 1900, as the ship's namesake. It is also clear from the book that the Gov. Pingree carried people and cargo to Alaska as well as the Yukon and therefore should also be listed as an Alaskan token.



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EDITORIAL

Those of our subscribers that have been with us for a long time will remember that nearly 16 years ago, I announced that my wife and I had adopted a baby boy from Korea. While I would like to bring you good news concerning our son, Kenton, now is not the time for that.

Like so many other teens, Kenton has been on a down hill spiral for several years. Things reached a point that we had to do something, or he would have ended up in jail. This is not speculation. This is fact.

On Oct. 12, Kenton was escorted to long term residential treatment in a behavior modification facility in Western Samoa. There are several facilities loosely connected to each other, and we chose Samoa because it would impress upon him that there was no escape. He has been there 3 months now, not dealing with his problems, just "sitting on his butt." We do believe that he will realize that this attitude will not get him home, and he will eventually start working the program.

This program not only works with the teens, but with the whole family. Jan and I attended the first seminar in December, the parents version of what the kids have to do. Life changing is too strong a statement, but let's say it has made a real difference. Maybe after the second seminar in a couple of weeks, life changing will not cover it all.

While we have not seen the program produce any changes in Kenton, we do expect them. There are several kids in Fairbanks that have been in the program, and it has literally saved their lives. Two teens staffed the seminar that Jan and I attended, graduates of the program, and very impressive young men. There are no guarantees, but we have seen what this program can do.

The reason that I am telling you this is that if you know of a family with a teen in crisis, and they don't know where to turn, have them call or e-mail me. The phone at the store is 907-452-6461. Our home phone is 907-479-3259.

The information I can give them is readily available on the internet, but I do have an ulterior motive. If, upon their first contact, they give the service our ID number, and a child is eventually put in the program, my kid gets a free month. When they find out the cost, they will know why this is important!

Hopefully, in 18 to 24 months (yes, I am afraid it will take that long), I will be able to report that my son has returned home, and he is every bit as impressive, strong and confident as those that staffed our first seminar.

LEGAL TENDER

One of our failings at ATC&PN has been to report legal tender coinage of a polar theme. By starting a column "Legal Tender," perhaps we will be more diligent in bringing these items to your attention.



In 1998, Canada issued four silver 50 cents coins depicting "Canada's Ocean Giants." Featured are killer, humpback, blue and beluga whales.



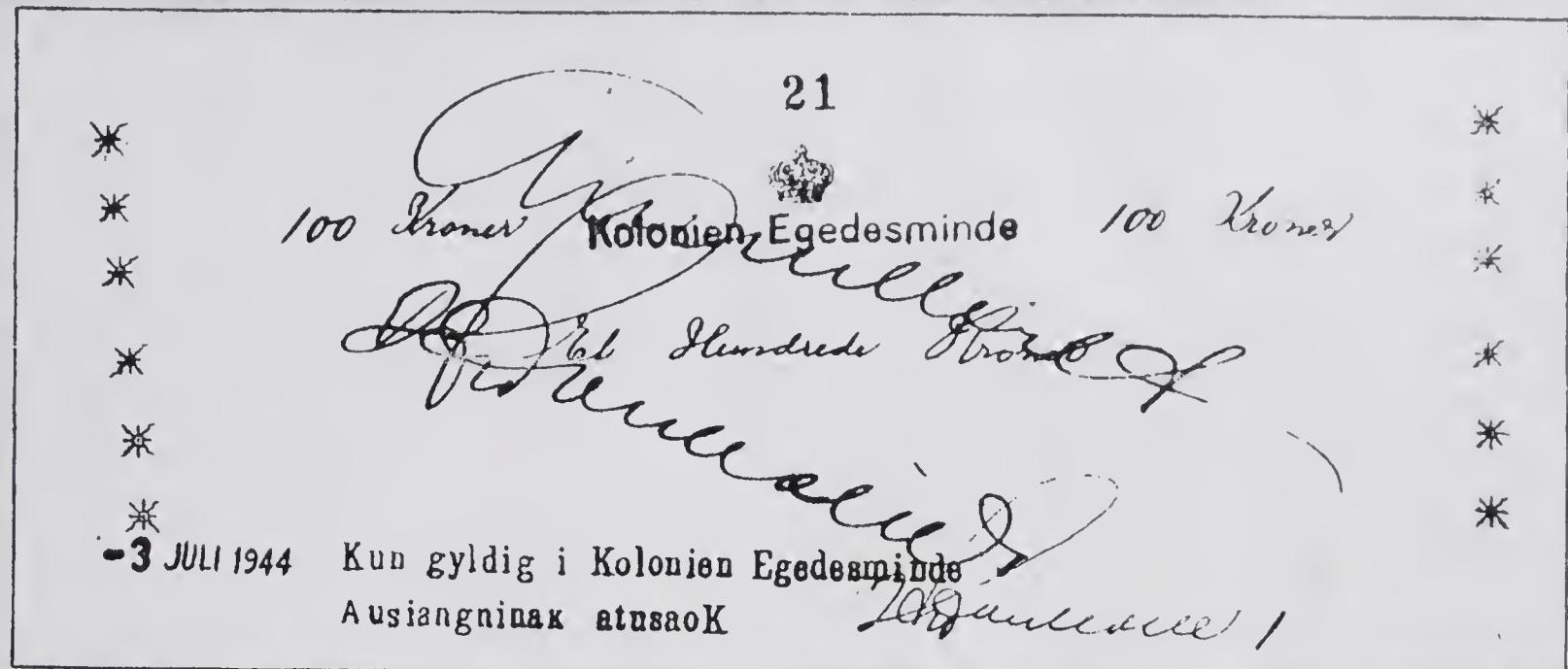
Recently reported are three silver one Rouble coins from Russia featuring wildlife. One of the animals featured is the walrus (one of the nicknames for Alaska, at the time of its purchase, besides "Seward's Folly" was Walrussia).



Finally, the Falkland Islands issued two coins to honor the 50th Anniversary of the Falkland Islands Government Air Service. One coin is a cupronickel 2 Pounds (above), and the other is a 20 Pounds .20 ounce gold coin.

GREENLAND EMERGENCY CURRENCY

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While looking through "World War II Remembered" by Schwan and Boling (one of the most interesting books on coins and currency on the market today), we came upon an entry for emergency currency issued in Egedesminde, Greenland. It seems that the local supply of currency was exhausted. In July 1944, the local authorities printed a hundred each of 50 and 100 Kroner notes. When the supply of regular currency was replenished, the emergency notes were destroyed. The illustration above is a reconstruction.

KLONDIKE MUTUAL GOLD MINING ASSOCIATION



Brian Denman sent in the above stock. Rather small, almost to the point of being the size of currency. Incorporated in Seattle in 1897, they seemed to get a good start on the gold rush. Wonder if it was a scam or they really did try to raise capital for mining projects?

TIERRA DEL FUEGO GOLD

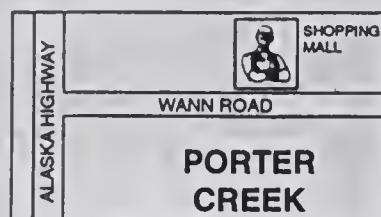
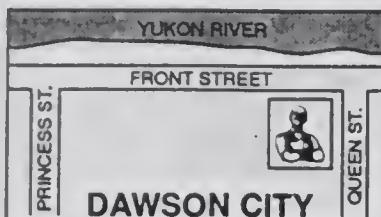


Translated from "Monedas de la Republica Argentina" by Arnaldo J. Cunietti-Ferrando, 1972: The engineer Julius Popper who in 1886 made explorations and prospected in Tierra del Fuego, in 1887 founded El Paramo on the Bay of San Sebastian, and founded the company Laverdos de Oro del Sud (Gold Washing Company of the South), with the intention to mine gold deposits in the region. In order eliminate the need for nuggets and gold dust in financial transactions, he produced gold coins with weights of 1 and 5 grams. First struck at El Paramo, these are crude and primitive types. A second striking of better quality was performed at the national mint in Buenos Aires.

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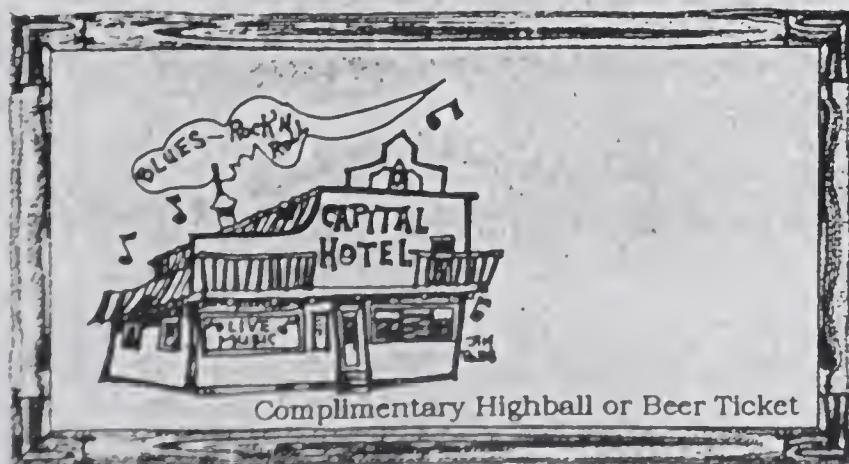
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DAWSON & PORTER CREEK, Y.T.: Maximilian's Gold Rush Emporium, \$1, redeemable in merchandise, special promotion, valid only during promotional period. Black and green, red serial number on light gray or pale green paper. This is the first item we have seen from Porter Creek, a suburb or subdivision of Whitehorse.



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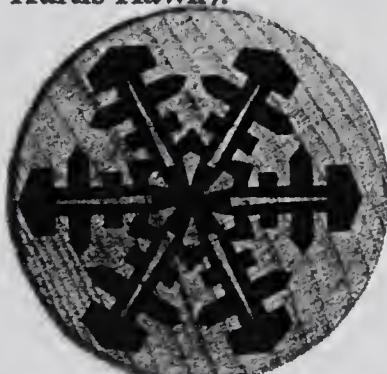
FOR THE RECORD



ANCHORAGE: Trapper Jack's Trading Post, \$1 Discount on 1 Pound of Trapper Jack's Homemade Fudge. Brown on wood.



(ANCHORAGE): Iditarod 1985, Fedalaska FCU. Bronze, 40mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



ANCHORAGE: Loose Change Coin Co., 25¢ in trade. Black obverse, red snowflake on wood.



ANCHORAGE: Iditarod Race, Anchorage to Nome, 1975, Thanks for your help, Dennis Corrington, brass, 28mm.



FAIRBANKS: Alaska Women in Mining, E=>W Engineering Consultants, black on white plastic, 38mm (submitted by Bruce Haldeman).

FAIRBANKS: Big I International Bar and Lounge. One Drink is black on red, One Beer is black on yellow. Both are 42mm, soft plastic.



SKAGWAY: BPOE (Elks Club) Drink Token, 1998, brass, 31mm, thick (submitted by Bruce Haldeman).



(SKAGWAY): (FOE Eagles), (drink token). Eagle impressed on red leather. Ok, this one calls for a lot of faith but the source is a trustworthy liberal! Is that an oxymoron? (submitted by Bruce Haldeman).

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THINGS I COLLECTED ABOUT THE DANCE HALL GIRLS

by
Jim Robb



A Christmas Ball at the Monte Carlo Dance Hall, from Collier's weekly, Dec. 30, 1899 Artwork by Tappen Adney

The following is a collection of old newspaper clippings, excerpts from books and illustrations from magazines all pertaining to the Klondike dance hall girls.

In Tappen Adney's book, *The Klondike Stampede*, there were some interesting comments, like "The orchestra consisted of a piano, violin, and flute, and occupied chairs on a raised platform in one corner of the dance-floor. The ladies were never backward in importuning partners for the dance. But any reluctance upon the part of would-be dancers was overcome by a young man in shirt-sleeves, who, in a loud, penetrating voice, would begin to exhort, 'Come on boys - you can all waltz - let's have a nice, long, juicy waltz;' and then, when three or four couples had taken the floor, 'Fire away' he would call to the musicians and then the fun began."

Adney continues, "The lady received as her commission on a dance a round white ivory chip, good for 25 cents." The chips shown were found under the linoleum of the Orpheum Theatre in the 1950s, and carry values of 75 cents and a dollar (from the Brian Denman collection).

He continues, "And so it went on all night, one hundred and twenty-five dances being not unusual before daylight

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EDITORIAL

Surprise! We decided to do a February issue. When we did January, we planned to do our next issue in March, when the listings for the auction would be available. Since that probably won't be until the end of the first week in March, we figured that was too long to go without a newsletter. So, this one will go out a bit late in February, and the March issue will be a bit late in March so that we can bring you the Alaskan lots in our March auction.

This month, our thanks go to Jim Robb for permission to reprint a brief item from a book/magazine that he published late last year. Jim does a neat publication titled "The Colourful Five Percent." The only problem with it is that this is Number 3, and it has been years since Number 2. We have a few of these very large format publications available at \$20 postpaid. Information on early Dawson, with historic photos and Jim's exaggerated realism artwork of the old buildings make this a delightful addition to your northern library.

We have been fortunate to receive information for two articles recently, but don't let that stop you from sharing some information with our readers. The more information that we have from diverse sources, the better this publication will be. In future issues, look for articles on a "fish railroad" and the Alaska Yukon Transportation Company ship St. Hubert. What articles can you add to this list?

Is there any demand for a bound version of our second 10 years? Please let us hear from you if you would like a copy.

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LEGAL TENDER

While we will have to wait until 2008 (I think) for the Alaska Quarter Dollar in the U.S. Mint's states series, Canada has one-upped the U.S. once again by planning 24 different 25 Cents coins over the next 24 months.

The first 12 designs have been released, and at least two have a northern theme. The April issue, "Our Northern Heritage," designed by Kenojuak Ashevak will be "launched" in Nunavut, the new territory scheduled to be separated from the Northwest Territories on April 1. It features a stylized polar bear and owl.



The second northern related design is to be launched in November in Yellowknife, NWT. It is designed by Brian R. Bacon and its theme is the airplane opens the north. It features a ski-equipped single engine plane being met by a dog team.



Others relate to the north, but are not specific to the north. October's coin features a Northwest coast Indian design in tribute to First Nations. The design is very similar to what we call "Southeast Alaska" Indian. Obviously these peoples are closely related. And the Voyageurs on the May issue surely traveled north of 60 degrees, but were also plying their trade in the southern provinces. Based on this assortment of designs, we can only anxiously await the next twelve coins to be released in the year 2000.

In all fairness to the U.S. Mint, the designs we have seen so far for the state Quarters are pleasing. A dealer friend in Boston sent us one of the new Delaware Quarters. We just hope that Alaska's will do justice to "the Great Land."

DANCE HALL GIRLS

appeared through the frosted panes. Often the same men danced and caroused night after night, until their 'pokes', or gold sacks, grew lean, and then they would disappear up the gulch again."

Whenever a man started in to dance more than one dance, he usually paid for several in advance, receiving what are called "allemande left" chips. There was a difference of opinion, which I believe has never been settled, as to when a Cheechako is entitled to call himself an "oldtimer." Some say after his first winter in the Yukon; others contend not until after he has bought his first "allemande left" chip.

"Millions in gold have flowed through the dance halls of Dawson, millions of men have trod their boards, and countless little dramas have there been enacted. Millions have been expended in the upkeep, the engagement of talent for the auxiliary shows, the elaborate orchestras and other accompanying amusements."

The above is a quote from the *Dawson Daily News* of January 20, 1908, in an article titled, "Doors are darkened - last of Dawson's historic dance halls quit business. Voice of the allemande left man and swish of fairies ended"

KENNECOTT COPPER CORPORATION

Found in a local collection. Was this used at the Kennecott mine at McCarthy? Unfortunately, there were no chits with the booklet cover (submitted by Bruce Haldeman).

D.E.W. LINE SITES



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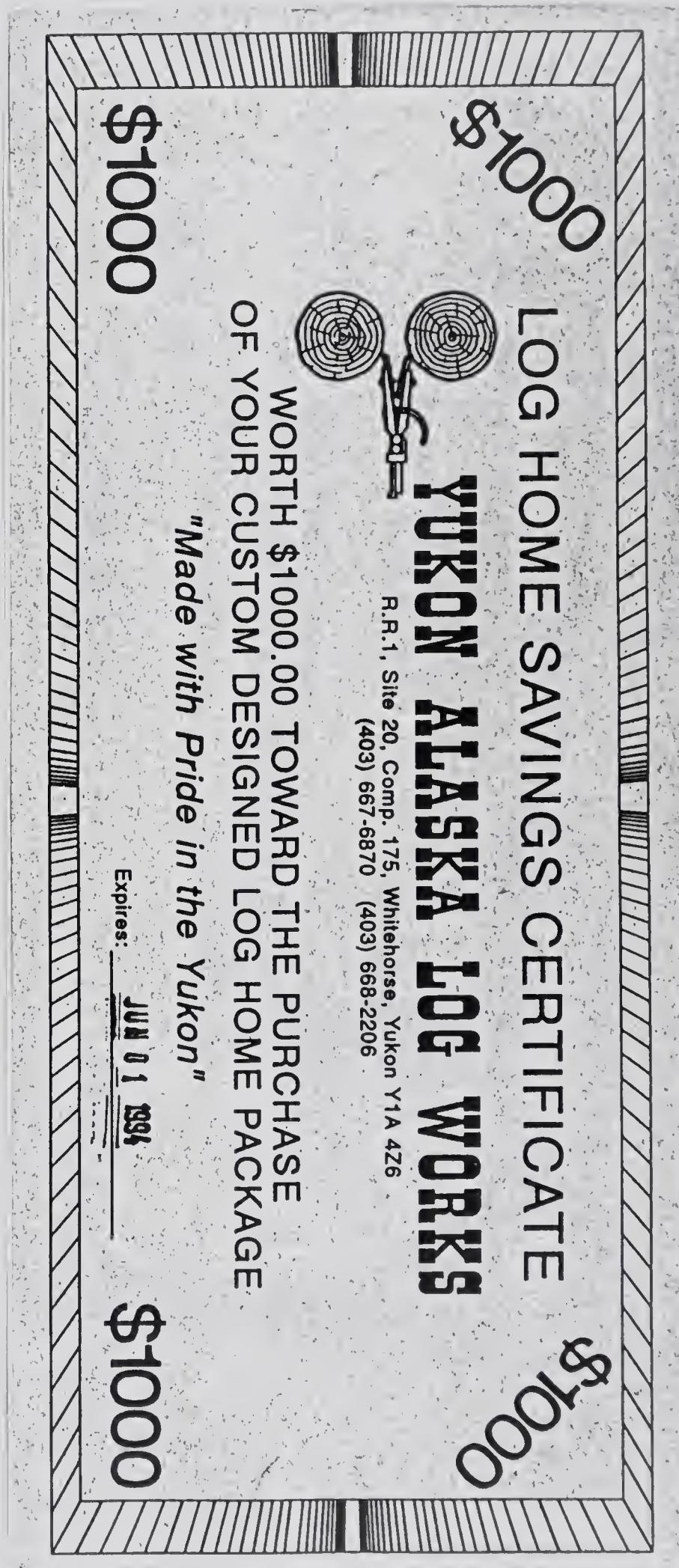


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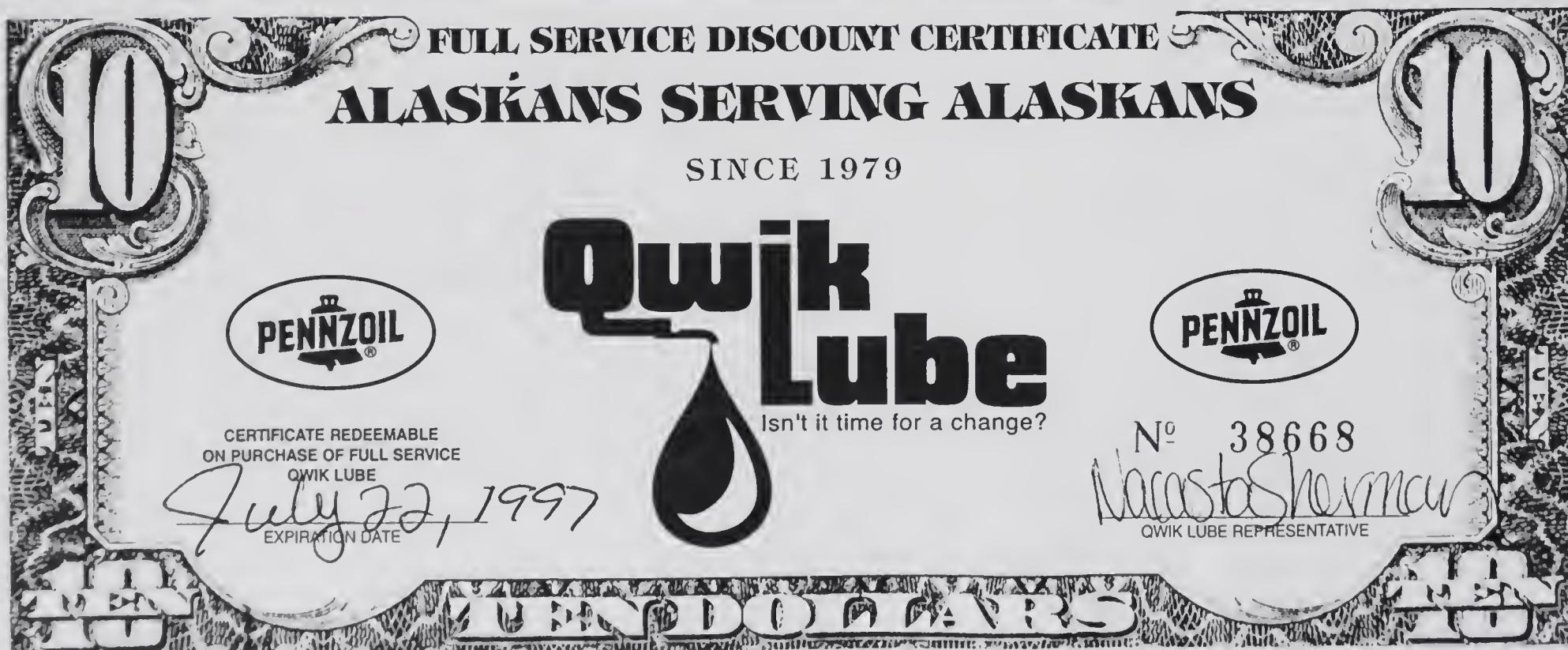


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Black on tan.

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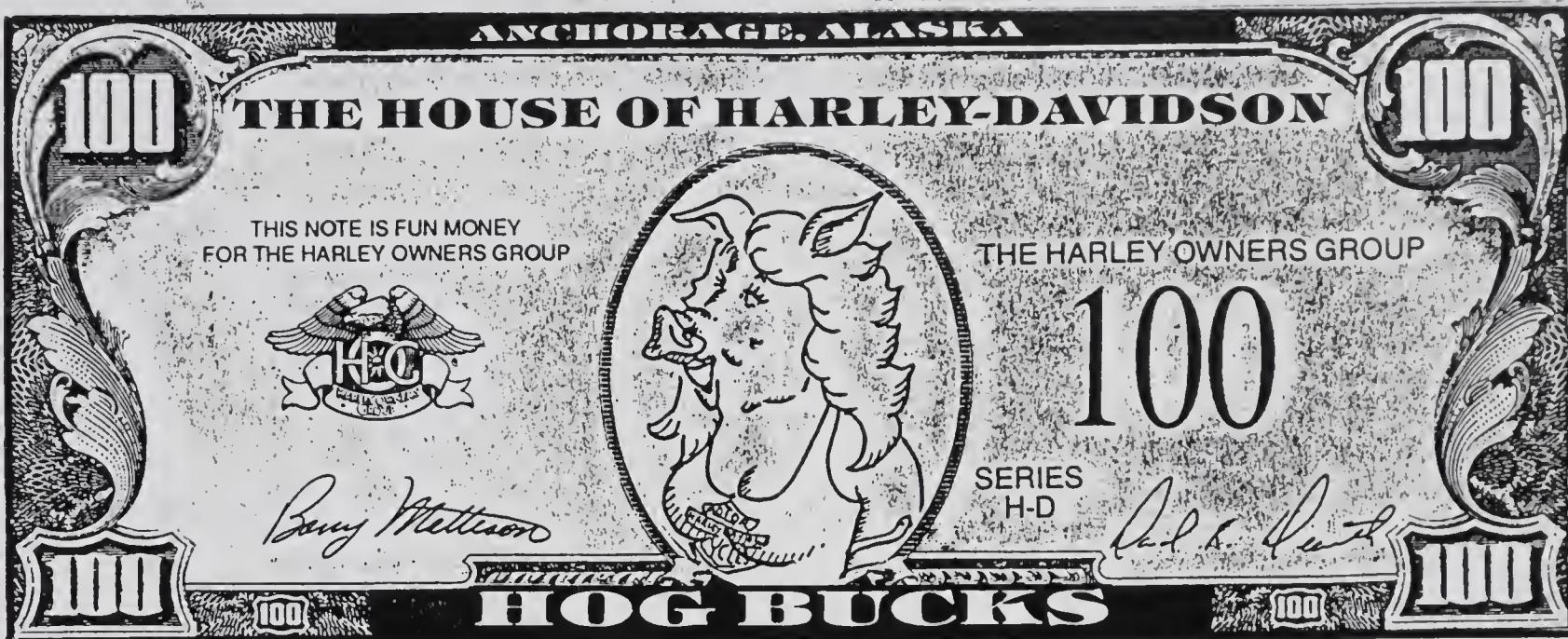


ANCHORAGE: Dollargami Dollar, Origami Money, Bird Brain Productions, Bobby Muller. Bob Muller folds money into creatures, objects and over 200 different figurines. A set of dollars comes with his video showing how to perform this amazing artwork. Black on white, 155mm by 66mm (submitted by Bryan Cleary).



ANCHORAGE: Qwik Lube, Full Service Discount Certificate. Back lists services and Qwik Lube locations. Blue, black and red on white paper, 205mm by 88mm. Qwik Lube (at least in Fairbanks) has been purchased by Q-Lube, a division of Quaker State (submitted by Bryan Cleary).

PAPER POTPOURRI



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ANCHORAGE: The House of Harley-Davidson, Hog Bucks. Black on green, 176 by 78mm (submitted by Bryan Cleary).

YUKON QUEST 1999 SILVER MEDALS



We just received our first shipment of the 1999 Yukon Quest silver medals. It is a nice design celebrating 16th running of the race. Suggested retail is \$35, we will sell for \$32 postpaid.

FOR THE RECORD



ANCHORAGE: The Great Alaskan Bush Company, Good For One Free Drink. Green lettering, black serial number on white paper, 68mm by 72mm. (submitted by Kurtis Hawk - and where have you been spending too much time, Kurtis??).



CORDOVA: O'Brien & Simpson, 12½ cents in trade. B-29b. Not illustrated in Benice.



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SKAGWAY: Skagway Brewing Co., One Draft Beer. Brass, 26mm.



ALASKA: Alaska Commercial Company, Sterling Achievement Award. One ounce silver (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



ALASKA: Alaska Gold Rush Centennial. One ounce silver (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



ALASKA: Alaska Mechanical Inc. Safety Award, 1997. Minted by the Alaska Mint. Mintage 100. One ounce silver (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).

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A "BAD PENNY" TURNS UP AGAIN!

by
ALAN V. WEINBERG



On January 29, 1999, Ron Lerch called to inform me that a Chatanika, Alaska Willis & Welch Peanut Dept. 25¢ good-for pocket mirror was being offered on eBay, the most prominent Internet auction site. A mediocre condition Illinois good-for mirror was also included in the lot. Despite my reluctance to bid on eBay because of the abundance of fakes, replicas and seriously defective items, I went "on line" and viewed item #60853694. The lot of two mirrors was already bid up to \$275, but if genuine, I was prepared to pay well over \$5,000, perhaps even \$10,000. There is only one known Alaska good-for pocket mirror, from the Board of Trade in Nome, Benice number 8L.

To date, no other such Willis & Welch good-for mirror was known to exist, but it was possible. After all, I had recently acquired previously unknown and still unique Willis & Welch celluloid-wrapped pictorial matchsafes (2), celluloid tape measure and the second known "collectible" Benice 4A, the incredible good-for 25¢ two-sided celluloid token (I call it a "donut"). A third specimen is known to exist but is too badly damaged to be collectible.

These celluloid items were acquired directly from a descendant of Edward C. Willis, and since there were three branches of the family, it was conceivable a 2½ inch good-for mirror version of the 44mm celluloid token with Eskimo woman and infant could exist. I was excited.

But the computer screen image indicated an untinted sepia image of the Eskimo woman, which was entirely inconsistent with the always hand-tinted tape measure, mirrors and Benice 4A token. So, I was suspicious.

I emailed the seller for his telephone number, and upon receiving it called him mid-day. No time to waste as the eBay auction would be closing in a few days. After probing, tactful inquiries, I learned they had acquired it recently from Bob Campbell, a much respected Salt Lake City coin dealer/collector, a knowledgeable exonumist/author, and candidate for the presidency of the American Numismatic Association, the "ANA."

Aha! A light bulb illuminated above my head. In 1986/1987, Dave Freed, also of Salt Lake City, another much respected exonumist and now fast approaching 90 years old, mailed me a color copy under acetate (a modern version of celluloid) Willis & Welch good-for mirror that he thought bore examination. He was right.

To quote from my article in the January 1987 issue of Alaskan Token Collector & Polar Numismatist:

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EDITORIAL

Our thanks this month go to Alan Weinberg for his article on fake trade mirrors. Alan is a very knowledgeable collector, always willing to share his expertise. Unfortunately, in this case, it is to expose a counterfeit.

Token collecting has been blessed by being relatively free from fakery. There are examples of counterfeiting and fabrication, but most are well known and pose little danger to all but the novice. They have generally been inexpensive items. But now that exonumia items are bringing very high prices, the incentive for the dishonest is becoming very inviting. As Alan says, a genuine piece such as the Chatanika trade mirror, should one exist, could be worth \$5,000 or more.

We must take issue with a couple of Alan's points, however. The third Chatanika "donut" is collectible. One must realize Alan's standards of quality. Anything less than pristine is considerably diminished in desirability. With only three pieces known, even a piece that is in two pieces (which the third piece is not) is still collectible. The third piece is "foxed". Alan may consider foxing damage, but we look upon it as nothing more than aging. In your editor's opinion, this third piece is still very acceptable. The question is, at what price? That would be up to the buyer and seller to establish.

We must also take issue with item 1) in his conclusions. We do agree that many sellers continue to offer fake and defective merchandise. Dissatisfied buyers are numerous, but "legion." We feel this is an exaggeration. The vast majority of eBay sellers are legitimate, and make an honest effort to describe their items correctly. And the majority of transactions are satisfactory to both buyer and seller.

eBay is a monster. With so many people buying and selling, there are going to be "bad apples", both people and merchandise. Why should we expect eBay to be different. There are "bad apples" in every business. Fraud occurs millions of times a day, and not just on eBay. Even here in Fairbanks, we had a multi-million dollar Ponzi scheme extending to many states!

All in all, eBay is a wonderful service. So long as the buyer uses knowledge and exercises caution (as in any transaction anywhere), the risks can be minimized and the prospect of a satisfactory transaction maximized.

We continue to acquire information for future issues. We think that you will be pleasantly surprised in the next few months. Don't let this stop you from sending in information to share with fellow subscribers.

1999 IRON DOG CLASSIC



The Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic is a snow machine race from Wasilla to Nome to Fairbanks covering approximately 1971 miles. It is billed as the world's longest snowmobile race. It is a team race, each team comprised of two machines and two drivers. There are three different classes: The Pro and Masters (age 50 and over) go "full throttle and full brake." The Recreational Trail Class follows the same trail, but at a more leisurely pace.

The trail follows the famous Iditarod Trail to Nome, where a mandatory 36 hour layover is taken. Then it is on to Fairbanks to the end of the race.

We have been aware of this race for a number of years, but the medal and literature make no mention of when this race began.

This is the Iron Dog's first commemorative medal, featuring two snow machiners under a wooden arch and the crest of the race. The medals are one ounce pure silver, and they are serial numbered. They are priced at \$32 plus \$3 per order shipping and handling. Orders can be sent to ARC, P.O. Box 72832, Fairbanks, AK 99707.

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BAD PENNY, cont.

"It arrived yesterday and within 2-3 seconds of examination I determined this unique mirror to be a reproduction. A modern one, but crudely hand-tinted, using modern celluloid and crimping techniques. I have to believe the experienced collector who was trading this to me did not recognize its dubious nature. It is dangerous enough to fool the uninitiated."

It was a modern-made concoction. The fabricator even used an old mirror, "cannibalized" from a cheapie old mirror, to make it appear legitimate. There was no doubt. It was no good. Some one had color-copied a Benice 4A obverse image, enlarged it and turned it into a good-for mirror. I mailed it back to David Freed with my comments.

Back to the present, I contacted Bob Campbell. Bob related that he had sold this fabrication two months ago, clearly marked replica on a sticker. He said that he had acquired it from Dave Freed some time ago. Later conversations with Bob Campbell revealed that both mirrors were fake.

Shortly after my inquiry concluded, involving multiple mid-day long distance phone conversations, the seller withdrew the lot of two mirrors from the eBay auction, only to resubmit it a few days later with the following lot description:

"2 pocket mirrors. One featuring Phillip Webber, Jr. in Mendota, Illinois. Good for 10 cents in trade. The other is from Willis & Welch Chathanika, Alaska, with mirror damaged. The reflective material on the mirror, about 1/3, is gone. The other 2/3 of the mirror has hairline defects in the reflective material. The glass is not broken or cracked. The celluloid crimping, about 1/2 inch, is loose around the edge. The rest is in good condition. There is no cracking on the celluloid, but is scratched from use. It says on the celluloid side "Good for 25 cents in trade, peanut department". They each measure 2 inches in diameter. We bought these mirrors through the door of our store, and know nothing about them. We've had a lot of inquiries about their details and authenticity, but we know nothing except the condition. We took them off auction so we could find out more, but did not verify any more information. We do not claim any further information other than what is on the scan and in the description. If you bid on these mirrors, be sure you know why you want them. Don't bid if you aren't sure you want them, authentic or not. We know that people collect these types of mirrors, authentic or whatever, just because they like them. We are putting them back on auction because of the interest and inquiries about these mirrors. Buyer pays shipping of \$3.00.

The pair sold for \$442.00.

But this whole matter educates us that:

- 1) Many eBay sellers continue to offer fake and defective merchandise as genuine and mint. The number of dissatisfied buyers I've talked to are legion.
- 2) Question anything out of the ordinary or of great rarity. If you don't have the expertise, consult someone who does know the field.
- 3) Previously unknown and extremely rare "stuff" is still out there in the "woodwork", like the Edward C. Willis descendants' little hoard of extraordinary Alaska celluloid.
- 4) Deceptive fakes, fantasies and replicas tend to turn up again and again, like a "bad penny," and it can take 10 years!

1999 ALASKA MEDAL

The Alaska Mint has announced that the 1999 official Alaska Medal will feature a Dall Sheep, designed by Debra Dubac. Release is scheduled for March 15.

We are accepting orders for the one ounce silver Proof and Matte (or Proof-like) finish medals at \$27 and \$15 respectively. Shipment will be made upon receipt of our shipment from the Alaska Mint. Please include \$3 per order for shipping and handling. This is a per order charge, and orders for these medals and other products offered can be grouped for the single postage charge.

At this time, we are accepting orders only for the one ounce silver medals. We do not know when the fractional silver or the gold medals will be available. Please watch these pages for more information.

ANTARCTIC TOKENS?

While surfing the internet, we came upon a web site that mentioned the local watering holes at McMurdo. A quick email, and a quick response from Ethan Dicks that the drinking establishments, The Erebus and The Southern Exposure, use U.S. cash. There is now an ATM at McMurdo. Mr. Dicks reports that "The \$20 bills usually come out and go right back to the bar." The Kiwis at Scott Base near McMurdo use New Zealand currency. At the South Pole Station, it is BYOB. You "buy" your weekly allotment at the store, and bring it to the bar. Since they don't use cash, store purchases are done on account. Check out Ethan's web site at penguincentral.com.

GOVERNOR PINGREE

A bit more information on the Governor Pingree:

Governor Pingree was built by the San Francisco Bridge Company (later the Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Company) for the Boston & Alaska Transportation Company. It later became the Bonanza King. (from "The H.W. McCurdy Marine History of the Pacific Northwest," edited by Gordon Newell).

LANSING CREEK, Y.T.

We have just learned of a small accumulation of James H. Mervyn tokens from Lansing Creek, Yukon. We will be bringing you the complete story in next month's newsletter.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

We have just received our copy of "The Falkland Islands Journal." This is a fine publication that has articles on the history, geography, geology, etc. of the Falklands.

This issue features an article by Bob Lyall about the Globe Hotel tokens (see ATC&PN Sept./Oct. 1990).



Also featured is an article detailing the Centennial celebration in 1933 assisted by the crew of the HMS Durban. Brief mention is made of a "medal struck to commemorate the event." What is more interesting are the athletic competitions. "In fact, the Islanders have yet to be beaten by teams from H.M. Ships at rowing, tug-of-war and rifle shooting. Special mention should be made of the Falkland Islanders, who shoot with a Lee-Enfield and have never been beaten by a ship's team. If one can shoot on the wind-blasted camp behind Port Stanley, any other range in the world would seem ridiculously easy, and on their last appearance at Bisley, the Colony Team won the Junior Kolapore Cup. A Bisley fund is run to meet the very heavy expenses of sending the team to England and *Durban* was able to swell the fund on more than one occasion."

With the preceding quote concerning the Falklander's shooting skills, it is appropriate that the Falkland Island 2 Pounds commemorative coin for the Commonwealth Games in 1986 features a shooter in the prone position.



Other articles include such topics as sheep husbandry, botany, biography and archaeology. For information about obtaining future or back issues, contact Jim McAdam, Dept. of Applied Plant Science, Agriculture and Food Science Centre, Newforge Lane, Belfast BT9 5PX, Northern Ireland.

THE UNIQUE FAIRBANKS, DISTRICT OF ALASKA \$10 RED SEAL

Stack's January 12-13, 1999 sale offered a unique Fairbanks, District of Alaska \$10 Red Seal National Bank Note. We cannot add anything to the description they gave in the auction, so that is reproduced below.



Lot No. 1020

1020 **ALASKA. FNB OF FAIRBANKS.** Ch. P7718. \$10.00. Fr. 613. 1902 Red Seal. Serial 702/H565666. Pen signatures of D.N. Freeman as Cashier and S.A. Bonnifield as President. Very Fine or so, with some claims to slightly higher grade. There are some areas of light, scattered foxing on the face which do not detract from the beauty of this great rarity. The signatures are bold, particularly the president's. According to the census, *The Only \$10.00 Red Seal for the District of Alaska reported! An extremely important offering and one of the most significant Red Seal notes in the entire National Banknote series. (SEE COLOR PLATE)*

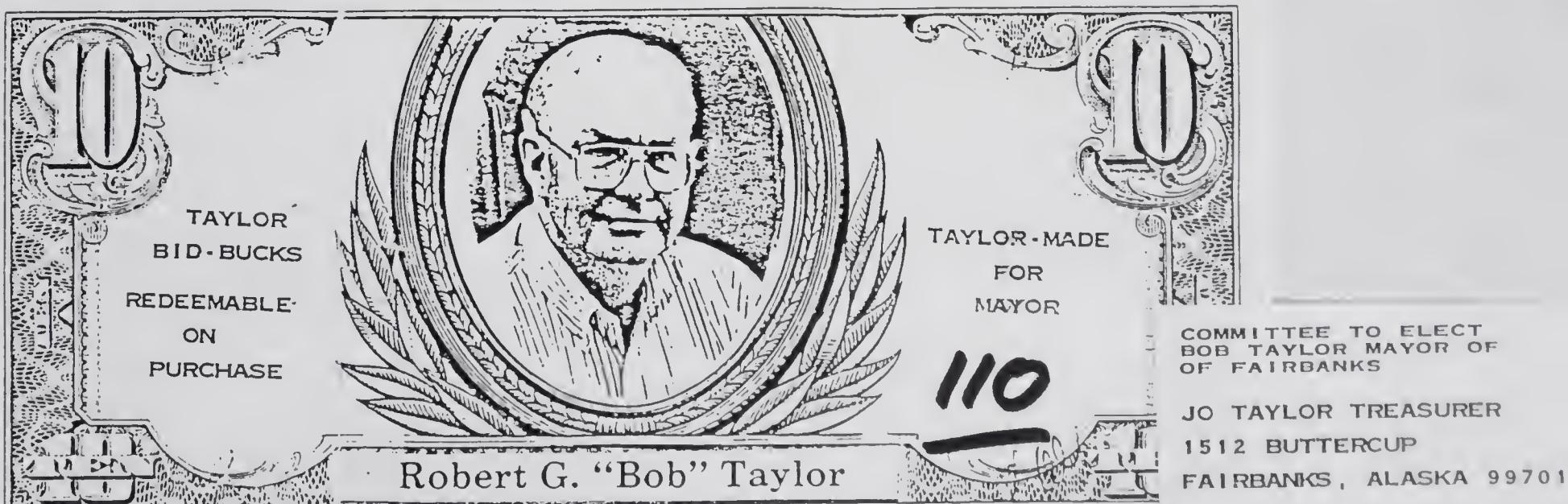
The appearance of any Alaska Red Seal national always generates excitement. In 1997, Lyn Knight sold two District of Alaska red seals, both \$5.00 notes. One of them, the Serial Number 1 \$5.00 note brought an outstanding high five figure price in the most frenzied of bidding in an auction that was epidemic with strong floor bidding. This note should certainly be considered in the same league as that legendary Number One note sold at Memphis in 1997.

All Alaska nationals are rare. According to census information, approximately 125 Alaska nationals of all sizes and types are known, spread across three Charter numbers. Large size notes of all types are very rare. On this charter, along with this red seal \$10.00, there are only five plain back tens and one date back known. If it were not for the 1960's "hoard" of Alaska nationals from Joe Wells, all red seals would be prohibitively rare. However, there were five sheets of \$5.00 red seals and some uncut pairs. There are 25 red seal \$5.00 notes known, four of them still intact on a closely held uncut sheet. There was NO EXAMPLE of a red seal \$10.00 in that group. Also, a \$20.00 red seal exists which turned up much later in Iowa. That unique note is also closely held.

This Unique \$10.00 Red Seal is one of the finest Nationals we have had the pleasure of selling at public auction. This is a significant opportunity for the National banknote specialist who desires the finest in terms of rarity and importance. For the Alaska specialist, this may be the once in a lifetime opportunity to take this unique treasure home.

This outstanding note sold for \$47,500 plus 15% buyer's fee for a total of \$54,625!

PAPER POTPOURRI



FAIRBANKS: Robert G. "Bob" Taylor for mayor. Black on green, "110" in red. Approximately 160 by 70mm. Stamped on back.

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If you want a complete listing, please call or write to the address above. Phone bids may be called in between 10:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday to Saturday (noon on the day of the auction). Bids will also be accepted at the e-mail address above.

ALASKAN TOKENS & MEDALS

Offered below is an assortment of outstanding Alaskan tokens, ranging from scarce to very rare, followed by other lots that may be of interest. This is the first time that some of these have been offered at public auction. For others, it has been many years since they have appeared. If you need these tokens for your collection, do not be bashful, as it will probably be years before they appear again!

232	Alaskan Token: Anchorage, Park Pool Room, Janich & Co., 12½¢ in trade, B-32a. A very scarce token, VF or better.	350.00
233	Alaskan Token: Anchorage, Joe Flowers Cocktail Bar, 5¢ in trade, B-18aII. Some light corrosion, otherwise EF.	100.00
234	Alaskan Tokens: Anchorage, Kustatan Packing Co., Al Jones, 5, 10 and 25¢ in trade, B-26, a-c. Some very light corrosion, otherwise VF-EF.	100.00
235	Alaskan Token: Cordova, Windsor Hotel Bar, 12½¢ in trade, B-41c. Very, very light corrosion on the reverse, so light that there is still luster on this EF or better, very scarce, token.	350.00
236	Alaskan Tokens: Fairbanks, Nevada Bar, 25¢ and \$1.00 in trade, B-37, a and b. Light corrosion on the 25¢ giving it a dark appearance, VF. The \$1.00 is EF or better. Two scarce tokens.	250.00
237	Alaskan Token: Fairbanks, Northern Hotel & Pool Room, 25¢ in merchandise, B-41a. This is the variety with Fairbanks on the token. Bimetal, the aluminum center is quite worn but all legible, let's say VG. The brass ring is F-VF. A scarce token, and add to that, a bimetal, making this an expensive piece.	350.00
238	Alaskan Token: Fairbanks, Supreme Dairy Co., B-54a. This token is good for 1 pint milk, but the reverse is worn smooth. We know of 3 specimens, only the Butrovich specimen is not worn smooth on the reverse. Condition of this is AG obverse, smooth reverse. Don't let the condition stop you from bidding, because where are you going to find another one?	150.00
239	Alaskan Token: Juneau, Dave's Place, 5¢ in trade, B-18a. About VG. A scarce token.	125.00
240	Alaskan Token: Juneau, J.M Giovanetti, One Loaf of Bread, B-25a. A scarce token, AU with luster.	200.00
241	Alaskan Token: Juneau, Juneau Billiard Co., 15¢ in trade, B-32b. Fine, and a popular token because it is struck in copper.	225.00
242	Alaskan Token: (Nome), Arctic, 12½¢ in trade, B-4a, Fine.	50.00
243	Alaskan Token: Nome, The Breakers, 12½¢ in trade, B-9a. Very scarce, VF or better.	225.00
244	Alaskan Token: (Nome), CW, Good for Whatever Sold At, B-11a. A little dark, but about VF. A scarce token.	150.00
245	Alaskan Token: (Nome), P.H. Harkin, Good For 25, B-24a. Some surface scratches, "HA" of Harkin scraped, VG to Fine for wear. Not as bad as it sounds.	50.00
246	Alaskan Token: Nome, Horseshoe Cafe, 25¢ in trade, B-27a. A scarce piece, EF. Interesting in that the 21mm size usually is a 6¼ or 12½ cents token.	225.00
247	Alaskan Token: (Nome), M. Mulloy, Good For 25¢, B-33a. Most of these are found corroded. This is a nice VF without the usual surface damage.	150.00

ALASKAN TOKENS & MEDALS, CONT.

ESTIMATE

248	Alaskan Token: Petersburg, George Cruz, 10¢ in trade, B-1b. EF with luster, but some black discoloration (not as bad as it sounds).	200.00
249	Alaskan Token: Sitka, A.B. Club, 5¢ in trade, B-1b. This token has been cleaned in an attempt to remove a black patch from the obverse. The discoloration is still present. VF-EF for wear.	200.00
250	Alaskan Tokens: Sitka, Hans Andersen, 5, 12½ and 50¢ in trade, B-3, b,d and f. All scarce, the 12½ and 50 cents particularly so (R-8). Conditions are EF, AU/BU and AU/BU respectively.	500.00+
251	Alaskan Token: Skagway, Board of Trade, 12½¢ in trade, B-4d, AU. One of our favorite tokens. Most tokens just give a merchant name and value. This one goes beyond that, giving the optimism of the times, "From the Land of Gold Where There is Plenty for All." It just doesn't get any better than this!	200.00
252	Alaskan Token: (Wrangell), Thomas Dalgity Star Cigar Store, Good For 10¢ In Trade. A decent Fine. Another specimen of this token brought \$200 in our Oct. 1998 auction.	200.00
253	Alaskan Token: Valdez, Frazer & Blackwell, 12½¢ in trade, B-7a. An honest VG, showing wear, proving that it served its purpose in this beautiful Prince William Sound town.	200.00
254	Fairbanks Coin Club Alaskan Pioneer Medals. Ten sets of silver and bronze medals honoring Alaskan Pioneers, issued from 1972 to 1981. Also included are the 1965 silver and bronze Coin Convention medals. All are housed in a custom Capital Plastics holder. While numbering up to 225, the later years saw mintages of much less than that, with numbers issued to match previously sold sets. The first four sets were struck in low relief by Wendells, while the last seven sets are high relief by Blackinton. An attractive and note worthy set.	300.00+
255	Tanana Valley Kennel Club medals. Large, 2 inches in diameter, Tanana Valley Kennel Club surrounding a map of Alaska. We offered two of these in our March 1998 auction. Since then, we have obtained a bit more information. These were made sometime between 1982 and 1986, with less than 500 being struck. Our consigner had a total of ten pieces. This offering is for three pieces.	75.00
256	State of Alaska Silver 1 oz. Medals. Our state medals program began in 1989. Medals are only struck for the calendar year and cannot be re-issued. We will note in parenthesis the current price list by the Alaska Mint for past issues. This lot includes: 1992 P/L (\$215), (2) 1993 P/L (\$140 each), (2) 1994 P/L (\$90 each), 1994 Proof (\$180), and (2) 1997 P/L (\$30 each). Also included is a 1997 dated medal with the eagle on the obverse. Nine medals.	500.00-900.00
257	Yukon Quest Proof Silver Medals, 1993-1995. The Yukon Quest medal program started in 1993 and were minted by the Alaska Mint in Anchorage. These first three medals are the most difficult ones and together list for \$290 in the Alaska Mint's current catalogue. All are in their original packaging.	190.00-290.00
258	Alaska Troy Ounce Silver. This lot is comprised of the following eight different one ounce silvers: (2) different Oxford Assaying bars; Alascom/Aurora*; 1990 Sport Fishing; 1996A Eagle in Flight; Alaska Happy Holidays-bear with candy cane; Alaska Transportation-map, riverboat, train, plane, dog team and El Sombrero Restaurant*. Generally nice, but the two marked with * have some scuffing. Eight pieces that would retail for about	145.00
259	Alaska Troy Ounce Silver. Another lot of one ounce silver, this time seven different, and these do not duplicate the preceding. (4) different 25th Anniversary of Alaska statehood - Oxford bar, another bar with map, round with bear, moose and wolf (AGS) and round with cache; 1989 wildlife* - moose, bear, walrus and ram with mountain; The Great Land, Oxford round; 1984 Presidential/Papal Visit to Fairbanks. Generally nice, but the item marked with * has some scuffing. Seven pieces that would retail for about	145.00
260	Alaska-related Medal. "See Me in the Gold Rush," with a full figure, frontal portrait of Charlie Chaplin. Reverse states "At the Liberty Theatre, Seattle." These medals are not uncommon, but a well known exonumist has never seen one from Seattle. Brass, EF, cleaned, 30mm. A neat souvenir from a famous movie.	50.00+
261	Antique Pocket Gold Scale. A nice, hand-held pocket gold scale in oval case. The scale is brass and comes with five weights. The case was originally painted green, but has been buffed to the bare metal in most spots. The bottom (inside and out) and the sides inside retain green paint. This is a nice, fully functional example of what the gold rush miners would have used.	125.00

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LANSING CREEK TOKENS

Little did Robert's grandfather know when he picked up those brass and aluminum tokens that he would make his grandson's day more than 50 years later! Grandfather worked construction in Alaska and Yukon during World War II. He did a stint on Kodiak Island building an air base. He also worked on the Alaska Highway. Unfortunately, we do not know where he was working. What we do know is that he acquired some of the rarest Yukon fur trader tokens known.

In 1902, Frank Braine and Percival Nash convinced some Hare Indians from Fort Good Hope to guide them over the Mackenzie Mountains. A trading post was established at Lansing Creek (now Lansing River), at the confluence of the Lansing and Stewart Rivers. They operated the trading post until about 1908 when Jim and Helen Ferrell took over. The Ferrells operated it until 1915 when they sold it to James H. Mervyn.

James Hastings Mervyn was born near Stratford, Ontario in 1866. He trained as a carpenter in Chicago, then worked as a carpenter westward across the United States. By 1897 he owned a saw mill near Walla Walla, Washington. When he heard about the Klondike gold discovery, he was bitten by the bug, sold his saw mill and headed north. He walked in over the Chilkoot Pass. All the good claims were staked around Dawson, so he worked as a carpenter. Still driven by the bug, he stampeded to Duncan



(continued on page 22)
South of 50°

North of 60°

EDITORIAL

Our thanks have to go to all those that made the article on Lansing Creek possible. Les Hill and Ron Benice provided rubbings (sorry, Ron, I used Les' rubbings). But the main thanks go to "Robert" and his family. While Robert requested anonymity, he is known to many. He is to be commended for the manner in which he distributed this accumulation to collectors. While it is true that he benefitted from the sale, no less than 5 collectors also benefitted by being able to acquire tokens for their collection. In conversations your editor has had with him, I was left with the distinct impression that, as a collector, Robert understands the satisfaction involved in obtaining that difficult token, and was very happy to assist other collectors in their pursuit.

For the Record brings forth a few interesting items this month that we hope you will find interesting. We can't thank those that sent them in enough for helping to make this a very diversified publication. And, there are some one ounce silver medals offered for sale.

We lost a number of long time subscribers this year. One can only wonder if the subscription increase from \$10 to \$15 was the reason. I am sure that it was a consideration for some. One former subscriber did tell me it wasn't worth the money! Ok, I can handle that. I wasn't real happy with our product last year. Right now we seem to be on a roll with interesting articles (well, I think they're interesting), and there are more to come.

What it all boils down to is that it depends on you. I can only write so much. If you have information to share, please let us hear from you.

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20 YEAR INDEX

We have completed a 20 year index. Even though I have done the newsletter all these years, I am impressed with the index! It is 26 pages long, and took longer to put together than a years worth of newsletters! If you would like a copy of this index, the cost is \$10. It will make your life very easy if you are trying to find something in a back issue.

2ND TEN-YEAR VOLUME

We are now planning to produce the second ten year volume of Alaskan Token Collector & Polar Numismatist, 1989-1998. Only hard bound versions will be available. Projected completion date is some time this summer. Price is unknown at this time, but we estimate approximately \$100.

If you are interested in obtaining a copy of this massive volume, please reserve you copy now. Upon publication, we will advise of the cost, and you can then accept or reject the book. After publication, orders will be on a first come, first served basis for whatever limited amount may be available.

1999 STATE MEDALS



Elsewhere in this issue, we report on the mintages for the 1998 medals, and report that the 1999 have not arrived yet. We prepare this newsletter over several days, and can now report that they are available. The one ounce silver, illustrated above, is available in Proof for \$27 (\$30 on orders postmarked after April 10th), while the Matte quality is available for \$15. Please include \$3 per order for postage and handling.

We have no word on the fractionals or gold, but will advise you as soon as they are available.

Proposed articles for the coming months:

May - Yakutat & Southern Railway

June - Thane Gold

July - Steamer Hubert

August - Operation Deepfreeze religious medals

Publication schedule subject to change.

LANSING CREEK, cont.

Creek, mined at Parent Creek in 1902, and staked #8 on Steep Creek in 1903. Failing at mining, he trapped for two years and sold the pelts in Vancouver. With the success of this venture, he decided to be fur trader.

To finance his plans, he worked as a miner in the summer of 1911. What happened to the years from 1906 to 1910? We can only presume that he was trapping again. James Mervyn purchased the trading post at Lansing Creek to be his base for trading in furs in 1915. He married Julia (date not given) a "Lansing woman from Fort Good Hope." They had 11 children.

Two disasters befell the post. In the 1920s, an influenza epidemic killed most of the Indians at the post. When a flood devastated the post in 1936, most of the remaining people moved away. When Mervyn moved to Mayo in the winter of 1937, he left the post in the hands of his daughter, Margaret, and her husband, Jimmy Wood. It was closed the following year. Before Jimmy and Margaret could get to Mayo in the spring, Mervyn had purchased the Chateau Mayo hotel and store. With Lansing post closed, he advertised to redeem his tokens. Those that were turned in were thrown into the Stewart River in front of Chateau Mayo. Mervyn ran the hotel until about 1947.

As an interesting side note, Albert Johnson, the "Mad Trapper of Rat River," trapped in Lansing for part of one winter. He was known to James Mervyn, who considered him to quiet and kindly.

The grandson, Robert, received a phone call from his father. He and Robert's mother were going through items they had stored since Grandfather's death in 1965. He knew that his son collected tokens, and thought these might be of interest. While Robert does not collect Yukon tokens, like any token collector, he is always on the lookout for better pieces from anywhere to resell, or use as traders. When Robert's father offered him the tokens, he knew immediately they were of value. He has an extensive library, and he remembered that there is one of these tokens on the cover of "Yukon Numismatica."

Robert received the tokens from his father, first only two, then ten more, and then finally four more. At this time, that is all that is believed to be in the hoard. He called a well known collector and an offer was made for the tokens that the collector needed. Using this basis, the remaining tokens were offered to other collectors at the same price until the hoard was sold.

The table below shows the quantity in this hoard, and Les Hill's census of known Lansing Creek tokens taking into account this newly revealed accumulation.

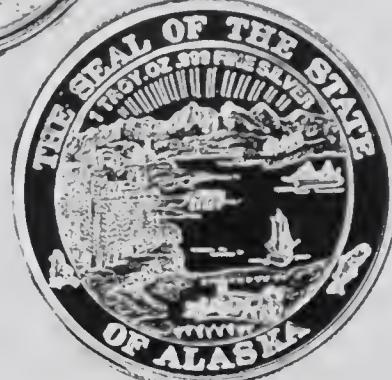
Hoard	Denomination	Census
2	25 Cents	3
5	50 Cents	5
4	\$1.00	6
2	\$5.00	2
2	\$10.00	4
1	\$20.00	<u>5</u>
Total	16	25

Rubbings of the tokens were provided by Les Hill, co-author of "Yukon Numismatica."

References:

Yukon Places & Names by R.C. Couts, 1980; "The Tokens of James Mervyn Lansing Creek, Yukon" by Scott Simpson and D.M. Stewart, ATC&PN, May 1989; Yukon Numismatica by Leslie C. Hill and Scott A. Simpson, 1990; Gold & Galena by the Mayo Historical Society, 1990.

IDITAROD CHAMPIONS



The Alaska Mint started their "Iditarod Sled Dog Race Champion" series in 1993. We do not see one for 1998 listed in their price list. We have not handled these medals, and those offered here are the first we have seen. We only have one each for 1995, 1996 and 1997. Our prices are shown below, along with the Alaska Mint price.

1995	Doug Swingley	1161 minted	Alaska Mint price - \$125	Our price - \$100
1996	Jeff King	1151 minted	Alaska Mint price - \$100	Our price - \$75
1997	Martin Buser	1161 minted	Alaska Mint price - \$75	Our price - \$60

Please call (907) 452-6461 to place these on "hold." We expect these to sell quickly.

STATE MEDAL MINTAGES

DON YOUNG

The Alaska Mint in Anchorage has reported the following mintages for 1998:

	Silver	Gold
One ounce Proof	10,200	198
One ounce Matte	1,574	not made
½ ounce	1,366	102
¼ ounce	1,636	not made
1/10 ounce	2,088	331
1/20 ounce	1,460	226

We have not received our 1999 medals yet. The Alaska Mint has raised prices this year, and we will honor prices in last month's news letter only on orders postmarked before April 10th. New price on the one ounce proof will be \$30. The matte (called proof-like by the Alaska Mint) will remain at \$15.

The 1999 Yukon Quest Medal is available at \$32. We are awaiting word on the 1999 Alaska Gold Rush and Alaska Railroad. We hope to have information on these shortly.

IF YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT SELLING YOUR TOKENS AND MEDALS, PLEASE KEEP US IN MIND. FOR BETTER MATERIAL, PLEASE CONSIDER CONSIGNING TO OUR AUCTION.



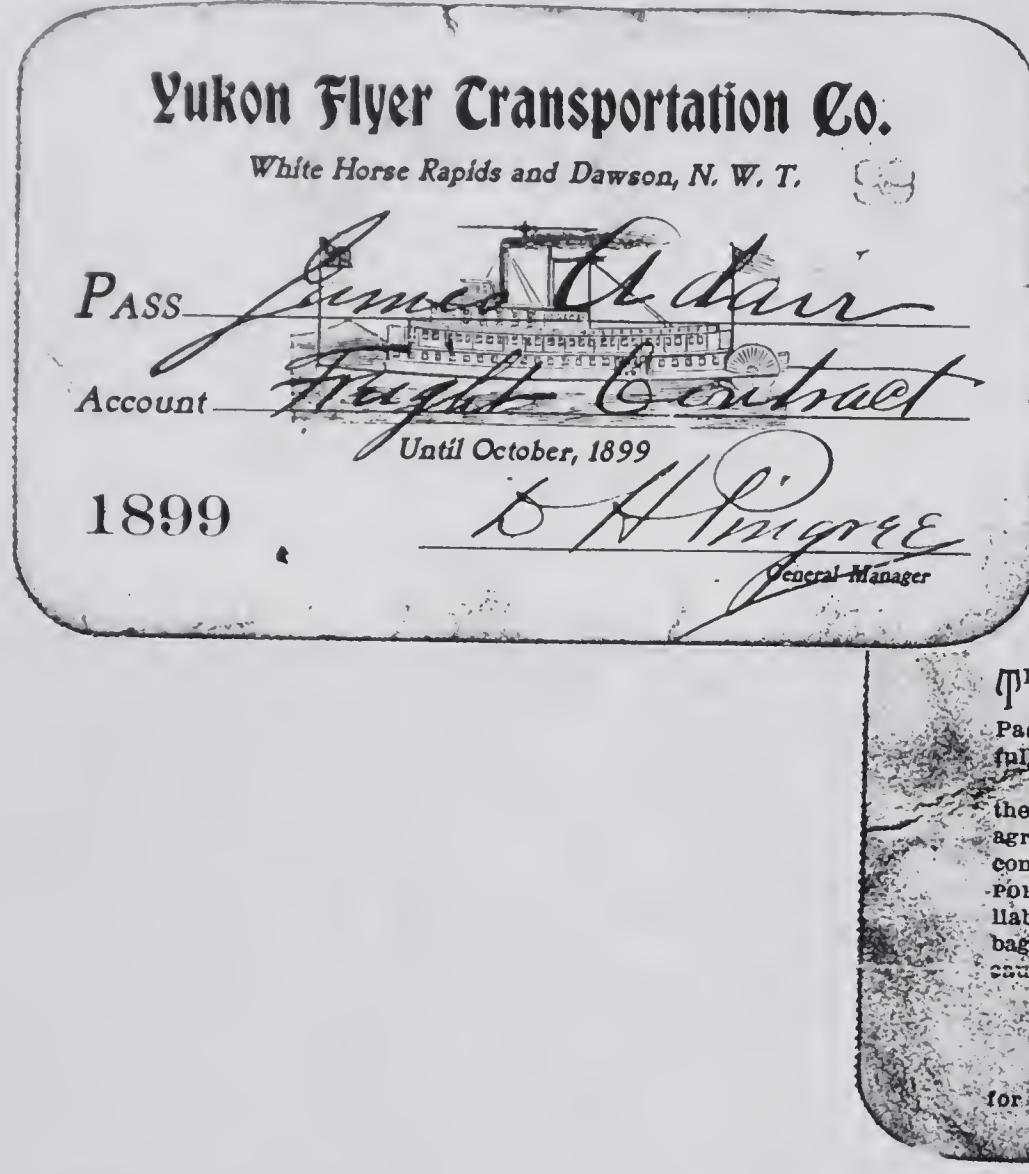
We have available only one example of the above medal. The fields are lightly hairlined. One only at \$30 postpaid

SKINNY DICK'S



This has nothing to do with your editor! It is a watering hole half way between Fairbanks and Nenana. We have a few of the aluminum "beer" and red aluminum "drink" (not illustrated) tokens available for \$12 per set postpaid. Not only good for a beer or drink, but also a chuckle!

MORE ON THE GOV. PINGREE!



Light blue in color. Lettering and boat image in darker blue, 1899 on left in red.

In regard to your Volume XXI, Number 1 issue article by Ronald J. Benice, which appeared on the front of the newsletter regarding Governor Pingree and his identification. Enclosed with this note is a photo-copy of a pass from the Yukon Flyer Transportation Co. dated 1899, and signed by what looks like D.H. Pingree as general manager. I think quite early the Governor Pingree was renamed the Bonanza King which was part of the Yukon Flyer Transportation Company's fleet. The ancient remains of the Bonanza King laid in the Whitehorse shipyards for many years. Finally after being used as a kind of warehouse, it was dismantled in the mid-fifties. I remember seeing this ghost of the past and incredible piece of history many times. It should never have been destroyed.

-Jim Robb

A.R.R.C.



As indicated above, the Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation is still in existence. They are now in farm financing.

We seem to think that this illustrates that once the government creates something, it never dies!

CHALLENGE COIN



(FORT WAINWRIGHT): Bronze, 47mm. Yellow stripes, blue and white on shield.

JIM ROBB'S YUKON PAPER POTPOURRI



CANADIAN TIRE: Green, red, blue and brown, respectively. "Redeemable" statement in black. Number and background on the back matches the front. Triangle is white on red with a green maple leaf. Also accepted at the Gold Pan Saloon, but mostly just used at Canadian Tire.



ANCHORAGE: Railway Brewing Co., Railway Buck. Black on green, 139 by 73mm.

FOR THE RECORD



(FAIRBANKS): Riverside & Wonder Bar. Black and orange sticker on Eisenhower dollar.



PRUDHOE BAY: Exxon, Billion Barrels Produced. Brass, 39mm. The bronze version of this medal has "Sohio" (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



SKAGWAY: Compliments of J.F. Anderson, Skagway, Ala. Uniface, nickel alloy, 25mm. Any one have any ideas? (submitted by Kurt Kosters).



SKAGWAY: Eagles, FOE Aerie #25. Celebrating 100 years. Gold on blue on wood. Reportedly 1,000 made, good for a drink (submitted by Kurt Kosters).

(SKAGWAY): Eagles leather drink token reported in the January issue was locally made and has an estimated mintage of 300 (submitted by Kurt Kosters).

SKAGWAY: Elks token, brass, reported in the January issue had a mintage of 1,000 (submitted by Kurt Kosters).



(SKAGWAY): Elks Club, (drink token), head of elk impressed on leather. Locally made in red and blue. Estimated mintages are 350 and 150 respectively. The blue tokens were used on meeting nights only (submitted by Kurt Kosters).

PRICES REALIZED

Below are the prices realized for the Alaskan items from our auction of March 27, 1999.

Lot	Description	PR
232	Anchorage B-32a	450mb*
233	Anchorage B-18all	110mb*
234	Anchorage B-26, a-c	95mb*
235	Cordova B-41c	400mb*
236	Fairbanks B-37 a and b	250mb*
237	Fairbanks B-41a	360
238	Fairbanks B-54a	250mb*
239	Juneau B-18a	190mb*
240	Juneau B-25a	280mb*
241	Juneau B-32b	280mb*
242	Nome B-4a	32
243	Nome B-9a	240
244	Nome B-11a	195mb*
245	Nome B-24a	130mb*
246	Nome B-27a	250
247	Nome B-33a	85mb*
248	Petersburg B-1b	250mb*
249	Sitka B-1b	280mb*
250	Sitka B-3, b,d,f	630mb
251	Skagway B-4d	130
252	Wrangell B-2b	210mb*
253	Valdez B-7a	275
254	Fairbanks Coin Club Medals	160
255	Tanana Valley Kennel Club	25
256	State of Alaska 1 oz. medals	180
257	Yukon Quest medals	110
258	Alaska silver medals	50
259	Alaska silver medals	50
260	Charlie Chaplin Gold Rush	40
261	Gold scales	160mb*

Items marked "mb" were sold to mail bidders. Items marked with * were reduced from the high bid. Total bid reductions on Alaskan items was \$1,070.

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THE FISH TRAIN

The Yakutat and Southern Railroad

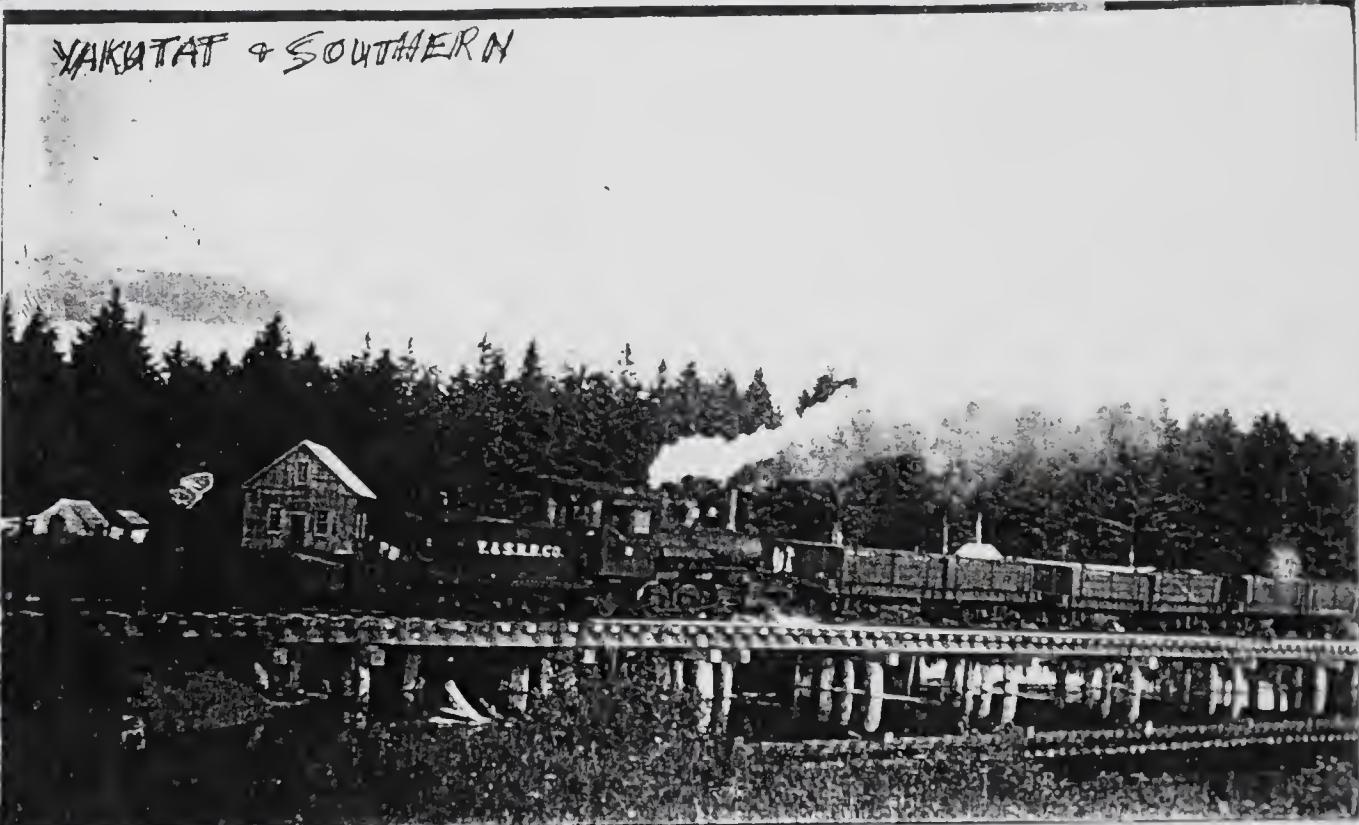


The Yakutat and Southern Railroad was built in 1903 and hauled fish from the Situk River fishery to the Yakutat cannery for over 60 years. The Railroad bridged the eleven miles between the fishery and the Yakutat cannery. This overland route was safer than the hazardous open ocean route. The railroad made it possible to develop this fishery and enhanced Yakutat's economy for many years. The biggest year was 1918 when the cannery produced 77,073 cases of salmon.

The railroad ran on a timetable rather than a timetable. Trips were timed to coincide with the moon-induced high tide. Johnson Slough was the end of the line, a shallow backwater at the mouth of the Situk River. Boats were unable to load their fish on the train until the water deepened with the rising tide.

The fish paid the way. Passengers did not need tickets, there being no charge for them or their baggage. This minimized complaints since the train rocked and shuddered every inch of the way.

The railroad's first engine was a steam powered 0-4-2 Heisler and did service in New York City before



"Situck Landing Yakutat"

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EDITORIAL

This is a "transportation issue," with most items relating in one way or another to planes, trains buses and automobiles.

Our thanks go to Loren Stephens for providing the information on the Yakutat & Southern Railroad. I had a phone call from some one inquiring about the value of a 5 Cents tokens a short time ago. Hope that they see this newsletter!

Other items were supplied by the usual suspects - Kurtis Hawk, Bruce Haldeman and Jim Robb. We hope that you find these of interest.

The next three issues will feature a gold slug from Thane, information on the Steamer Hubert, and Antarctic medals. We want to do the gold slug in color, so we will wait until Office Max runs another "39¢" special.

As is evidenced with the Yakutat & Southern article this month, you don't have to write it. Just provide us with information, and we will do our best to put it into a form that other readers will find interesting.

The printing of the second 10 year volume is progressing. It will be completed this summer and be taken to the binder. Please advise if you would like to reserve a copy.

Baseball season is beginning. The Senior Little League that I coach, and the adult league that I play in will both be holding try-outs this weekend. This will contribute to one of the months this summer will be one of our two months off from the newsletter.

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KETCHIKAN,

ALASKA

HERRING COVE-MOUNTAIN POINT

Week-Day Bus Schedule

Herring Cove	Mountain Point	Saxman	Ketchikan
L 7:15 a.m.	A 7:27 a.m.	A 7:38 a.m.	A 7:50 a.m.
A 8:20 a.m.	A 8:10 a.m.	A 8:00 a.m.	L 7:50 a.m.
L 8:20 a.m.	A 8:30 a.m.	A 8:40 a.m.	A 8:55 a.m.
A 10:40 a.m.	A 10:28 a.m.	A 10:17 a.m.	L 10:05 a.m.
L 10:45 a.m.	A 10:57 a.m.	A 11:08 a.m.	A 11:20 a.m.
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Sundays and Holidays

Herring Cove	Mountain Point	Saxman	Ketchikan
A 2:30 a.m.	A 2:20 a.m.	A 2:10 a.m.	L 2:05 a.m.
L 9:15 a.m.	A 9:27 a.m.	A 9:38 a.m.	A 9:50 a.m.
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L 12:20 p.m.	A 12:32 p.m.	A 12:43 p.m.	A 12:55 p.m.
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For Special Trips Call Black 353

Above is a nice card advertising Herring Cove Bus Line, with a schedule on the back showing times from Herring Cove to Mountain Point to Saxman to Ketchikan. Black on tan or yellow, 104 by 69mm.

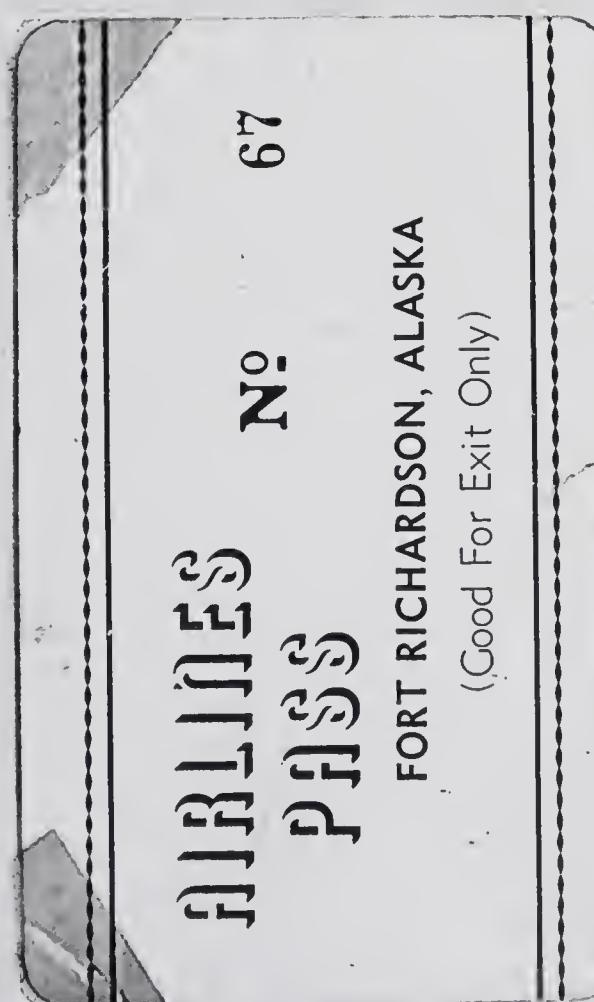
THE FISH TRAIN, cont.

arriving in Yakutat. The bell from this engine was used to call workers to the mess hall after the engine was retired. The second engine, a 2-6-2 Lima, had an appetite that consumed two tons of coal every round trip. In 1949, it was replaced by gas powered trucks with flanged wheels. The truck in use in 1969 when the railroad stopped running was a 1949 Chevy.

The Railroad also had a general store, bar, cannery and sawmill. Trade tokens of 5, 25 and 50 cents and \$1.00 were used through 1917. The tokens are inscribed Y. & S. RY. CO., indicating railway. There are two varieties of the 5 Cents token, one good in trade, and the other good at the bar. On site historical information refers to it as "Railroad."

Our thanks to Loren Stephens for providing this information on a unique railroad!

AIRLINES PASS



FT. RICHARDSON: Good for exit only. Black on blue card stock. Purpose is unknown at the time.

UNIVERSITY BUS LINES

Ad taken from Tewkesbury's Who's Who in Alaska and Alaska Business index, 1947.



Bus 137



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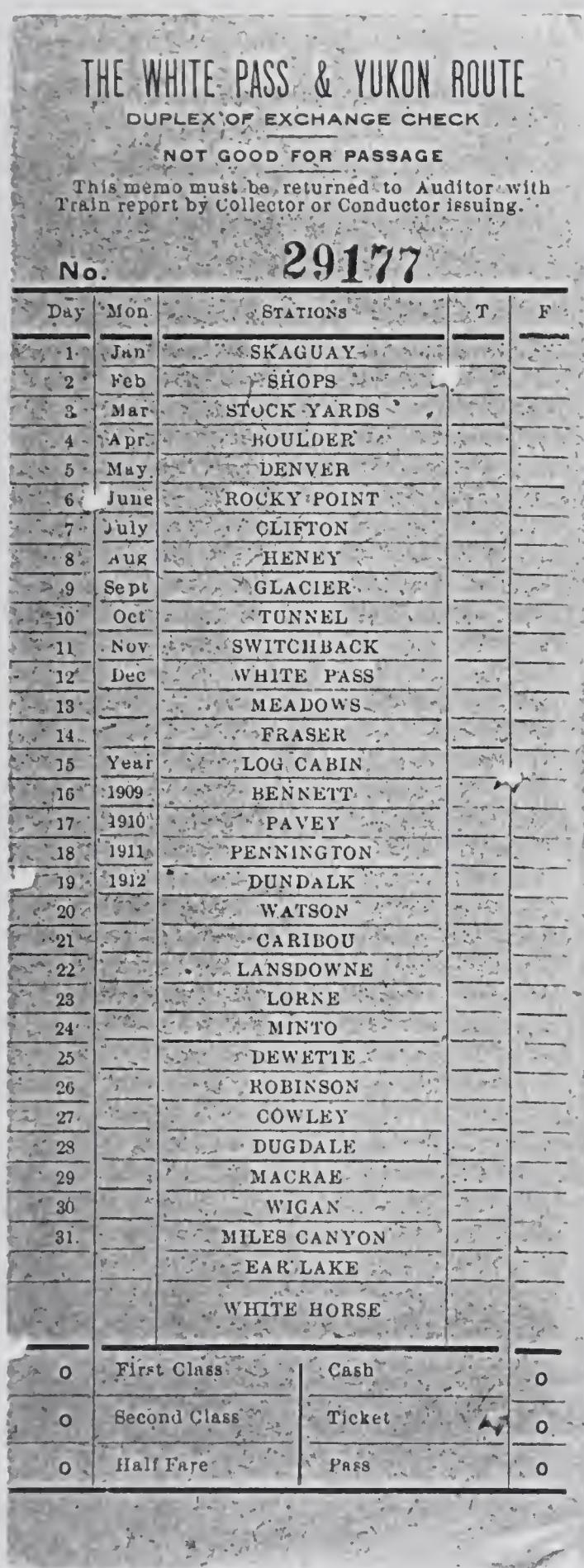
402 SECOND AVE.
Phone East 40

UNIVERSITY BUS LINES

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Box 227, FAIRBANKS

WHITE PASS & YUKON ROUTE - RAIL AND RIVER



FROM	TO	RIVER DIVISION STATIONS	No.	8156	
				FORM 200	YEAR
F	T	WHITE HORSE.....		1909	
F	T	TAKEENA RIVER.....		1910	
F	T	HEAD OF LABARGE.....		1911	
F	T	FOOT OF LABARGE.....		1912	
F	T	HOOTALINQUA		1913	
E	T	CASSIAR BAR.....		MONT	
F	T	BIG SALMON.....		MAY	
F	T	LITTLE SALMON.....		JUNE	
F	T	CARMACK'S		JULY	
F	T	TANTALUS		AUG	
F	T	FIVE FINGERS.....		SEPT	
F	T	MACKAY'S.....		OCT	
F	T	IIUTSIKU		NOV	
F	T	MINTO		DAY	
F	T	SELKIRK.....		1	17
F	T	SELWYN		2	18
F	T	BALLARAT		3	19
F	T	HALF WAY		4	20
F	T	KIRKMAN CREEK		5	21
F	T	THISTLE CREEK		6	22
F	T	WHITE RIVER		7	23
F	T	STEWART RIVER		8	24
F	T	EXCELSIOR		9	25
F	T	ROSEBUD		10	26
F	T	OGILVIE		11	27
F	T	REINDEER		12	28
F	T	INDIAN RIVER		13	29
F	T	AINSLIE		14	30
F	T	SWEDCREEK		15	31
F	T	DAWSON		16	
F	T	16 MILE R'D HOUSE		CENTS	
F	T	HALF WAY HOUSE		05	50
F	T	CASSIAR R'D HOUSE		10	60
F	T	FORTY MILE		20	70
F	T	CLIFF CREEK		25	75
F	T	EAGLE CITY		30	80
F	T	.....		40	90
F	T	.....		DOLL'S	
F	T	.....		1	10.00
F	T	.....		2	20.00
F	T	.....		3	30.00
F	T	.....		4	40.00
F	T	.....		5	50.00
F	T	.....		6	60.00
F	T	.....		7	70.00
F	T	.....		8	80.00
F	T	.....		9	90.00

If Half Fare punch here	.	.	.	X
If Special punch here	.	.	.	X
If Going North punch here	.	.	.	X
If Going South punch here	.	.	.	X

Steamer.....SELKIRK.....Voy.No. 12

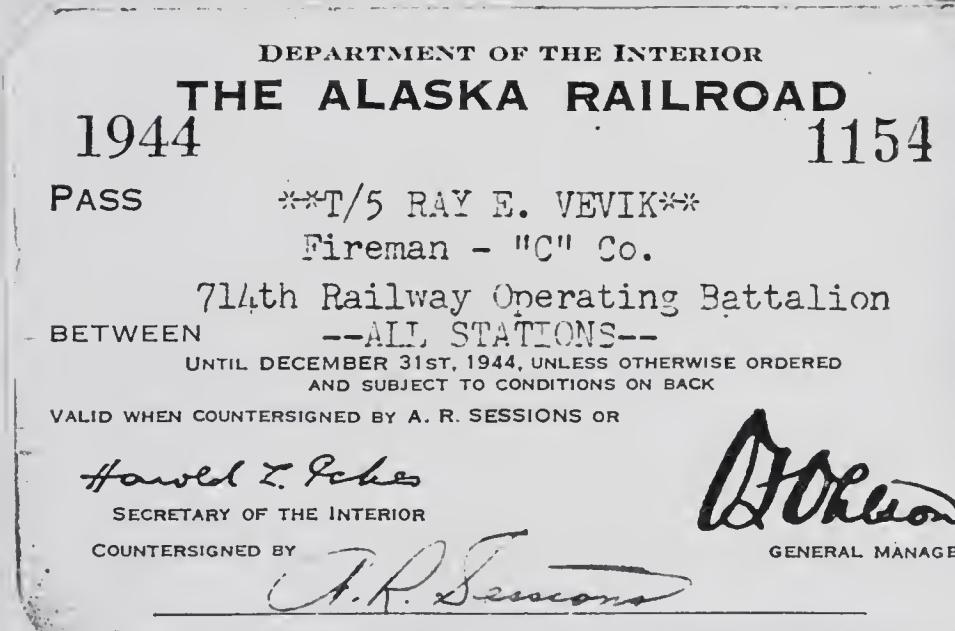
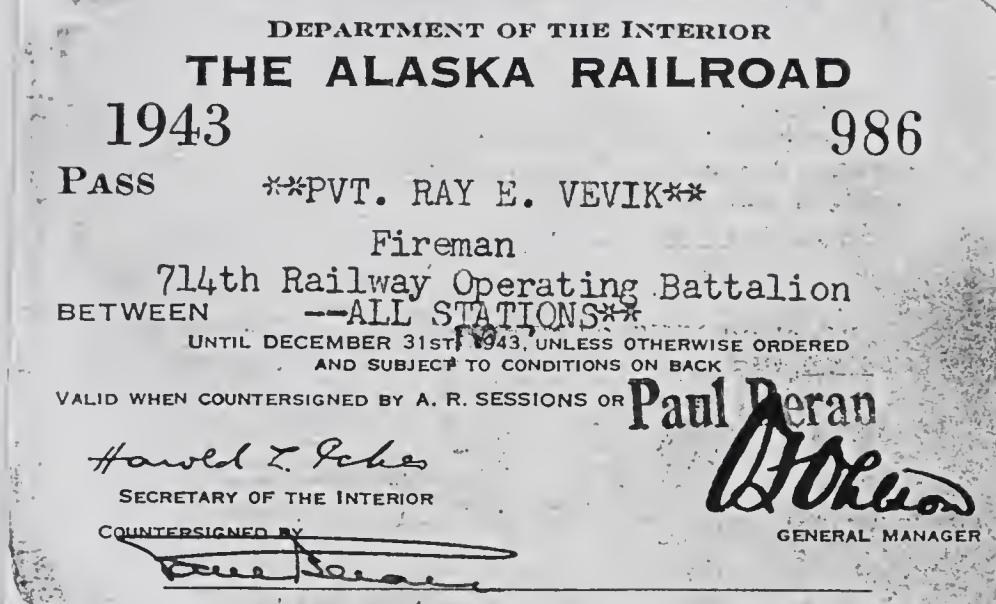
RIVER: This appears to be a ticket, with a great listing of "River Division Stations." This ticket was for the Steamer Selkirk, for passage on Sept. 29, 1911, in the amount of \$20.80, from Dawson up river to Indian River.

These are two great pieces of memorabilia.

RAILROAD: While not a ticket, we think it is a duplicate of a ticket. This lists "stations" from Skagway to White Horse. The punches are not real accurate, but it look like this was for June 19, from Log Cabin or Bennett to the Shops in Skaguay. Note the old spellings for White Horse and Skaguay. Black on pink.

ALASKA RAILROAD - WORLD WAR II

Illustrated on this page are four interesting cards from the Alaska Railroad during World War II. All four were issued to Pvt. Ray E. Vevik, Fireman, "C" Co., 714th Railway Operating Battalion.



The first two, above, are passes for use for transportation on the Railroad. The 1943 is black on yellow with red date and serial number. The 1944 is black on white with red date and serial number. The back of both cards is similar and shown below.

CONDITIONS

THIS PASS is not transferable, and is forfeited if presented by any other than the person named, or if any alteration, addition or erasure is made upon it.

I accept the above conditions.

CERTIFICATE:

I hereby certify that I am not prohibited by law from obtaining free transportation or pass on the Alaska Railroad.

Ray E. Vevik
THIS PASS WILL NOT BE HONORED UNLESS SIGNED IN INK BY THE PERSON TO WHOM ISSUED

THE ALASKA RAILROAD

1943

No. 181

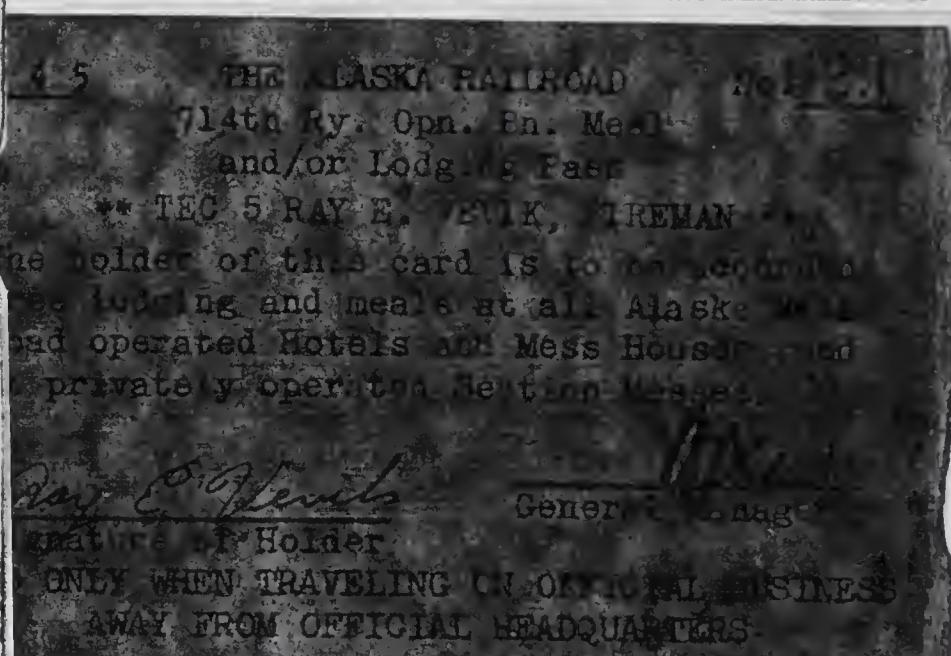
****PVT. RAY E. VEVIK****

Fireman

714th Railway Operating Battalion
The holder of this card is to be accorded free lodging and meals at all Alaska Railroad operated Hotels and Mess Houses.

O'Doherty

General Manager



The other two cards are less formal, appearing to be typed or mimeoed and not printed. They state "The holder of this card is to be accorded free lodging and meals at all Alaska Railroad operated Hotels and Mess Houses." The 1943 card is black on white. The 1945 card is black on brown (may not reproduce well) and carries the additional statement, "Good only when traveling on official business away from official headquarters." On this card, Pvt. Vevik is now TEC 5 Vevik.

ALASKA STATE MEDALS



The 1999 fractionals are available as follows: $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. - \$10; $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. - \$8; $\frac{1}{10}$ oz. - \$5; $\frac{1}{20}$ oz. (not yet) - \$5. The gold are priced at 1 oz. - \$390; $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. - \$250; $\frac{1}{10}$ oz. - \$85 and $\frac{1}{20}$ oz. - \$55. The one ounce silver proof is now \$30, and the matte finish is \$17.

THE TRAIN SHOP

Exclusive train souvenirs at the WP&YR Depot in Skagway.

White Pass & Yukon Route
P.O. Box 435 Skagway, Alaska 99840
(800) 343-7373 (907) 983-2217



This coupon is found on the ticket jacket for the Alaska Marine Highway.

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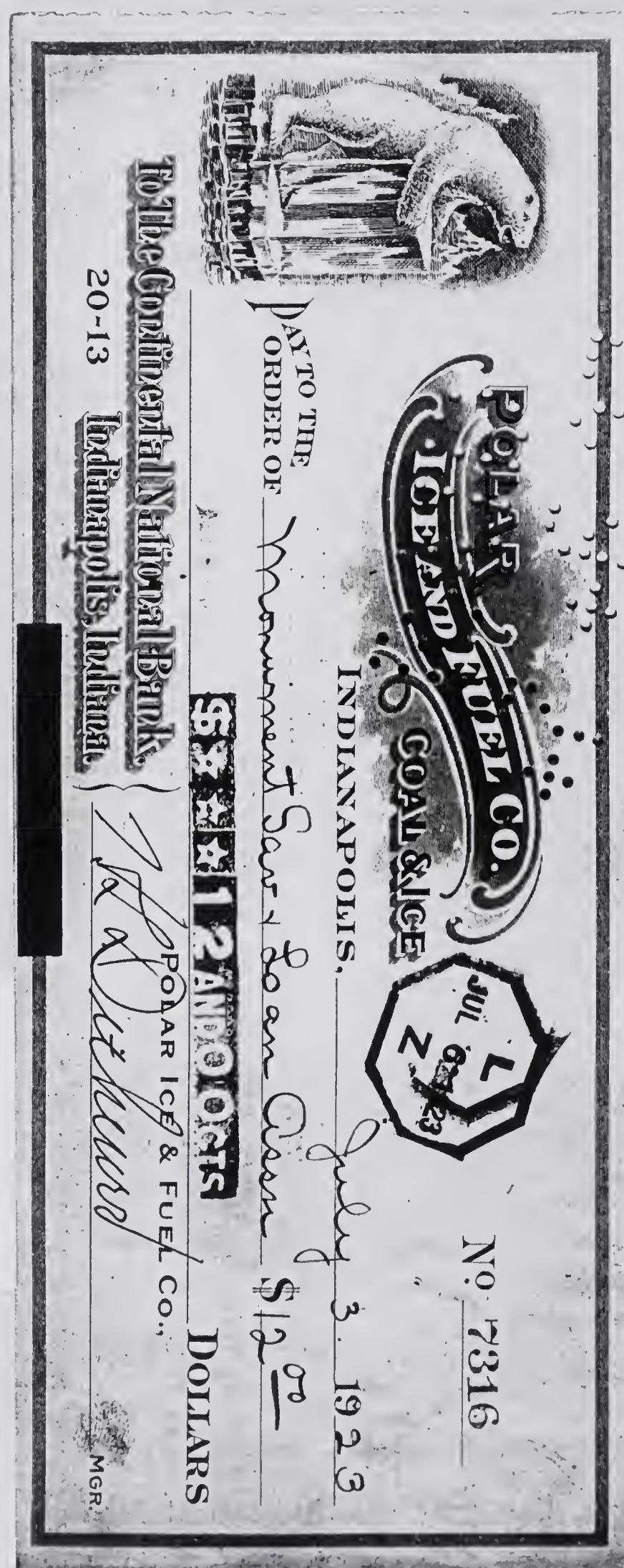
RESTAURANT
Trading Post - est. 1904
Trailer Parking
Warm Storage & Plug Ins

FAMILY RATES

MODERN HOTEL & MOTEL
21 Rooms
Housekeeping Cabins
Good Fishing - Boat Rentals
Licenses - Tackle
Cocktail Lounge
Store - Souvenirs

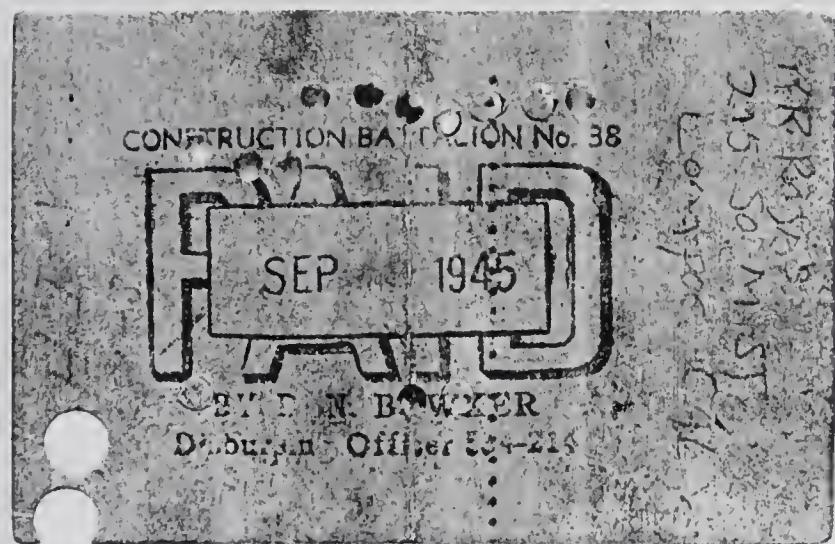
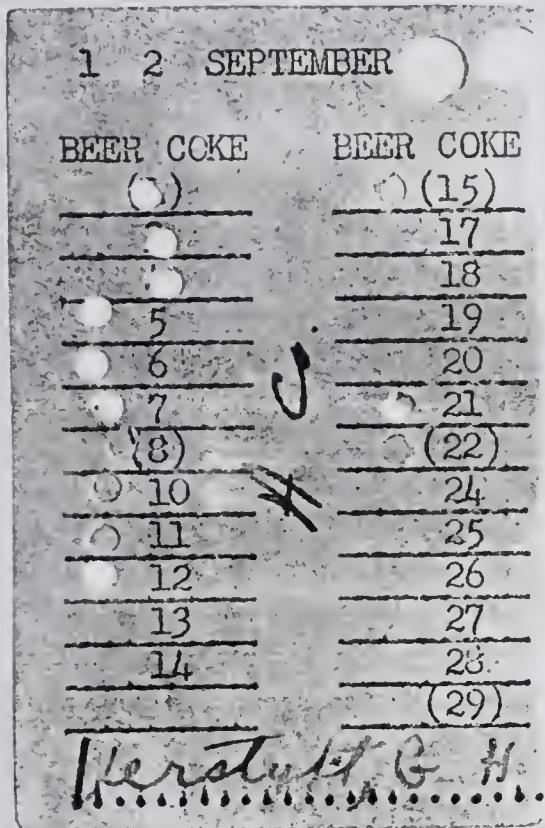
A nice business card from the Burwash Lodge, Burwash Landing at Mile 1093 of the Alaska Hiway, Yukon.

POLAR BEAR VIGNETTE



A neat check with a polar bear! It is printed in black on off white or tan paper, the imprint is blue, the border is orange and in the black box at the bottom, "The Yellow Wagon."

FOR THE RECORD



ALEUTIAN ISLANDS: Construction Battalion No. 38, A Co., reportedly stationed at Dutch Harbor and Attu in 1945. Punch card for Beer or Coke.



(ANCHORAGE): (At the bottom of the left column). Alaska Car Wash, Save 10 coupons for a free exterior wash. Three different: black on blue, black on red, and black on cream, all about 44 by 89mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



(JUNEAU): Italian Village, good for one drink. Gold on light blue, 40mm (submitted by Kaye Dethridge).



TRANS ALASKA PIPELINE: 800 Miles Prudhoe Bay to Valdez, Completion date 1977 (moose, mountain, pipeline). Reverse: World's largest privately financed project/costing over eight billion dollars (map with pipeline, Alaskan native). Approximately 38mm, silver. Illustration not actual size, but a reduction from the Ebay image (submitted by Doug Williams).



MAVERICK: Alaskan Cafe (dog team), good for 12½¢ in trade, B-L. Very neat token with the image of a dog team, bronze, 31 by 23mm. This piece will be in John Cheramy's auction in the June issue of NATCA.



ALASKA RAILROAD: Trucker identification badge.

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A PRELIMINARY LISTING OF ALASKAN ADVERTISING ENCASED CENTS

This is a listing of advertising encased cents of which we are aware. I am sure there are others, and we would like to hear from you. Each listing will give the origin, entity being advertised, the date on the cent where known in (), shape and number to indicate the reverse design as follows: 1 = Keep me and never go broke/I bring good luck; 2 = Keep me and you will always have good luck; 3 = Keep me and never go broke; 4 = Keep me and always have money. This listing does not include "good for" encased cents, or items related to but not from Alaska (for example, Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition).



ALASKA, general: Souvenir of Alaska, (1952-D), horseshoe, reverse 1.



ANCHORAGE: Alaska National Bank of the North, (1972-D), round, custom reverse.



ANCHORAGE: Club Ebony, (unknown), horseshoe, reverse unknown.



ANCHORAGE: Club 25/Rain Check Myrtle S. Stalnaker, (19?? Wheat Cent, so pre-1959), reverse 1.



FAIRBANKS: Vote for Essie Dale, (1950), round, reverse 2. Note: while this has generally been accepted as Fairbanks and is found in local collections, Fairbanks City records do not show any person with the name Essie Dale or the last name Dale running for any city political office.

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EDITORIAL

My, how one gets lazy in the summer. Well, lazy as far as work goes. After taking one of my two months off from publication in June, I was at a loss as to what to put on the front page of the July issue. I have three articles in the preparation stage, and none were ready for this month. I was beating my head against the wall until a customer requested a list of Alaskan encased cents. Well, that has been in the back of my mind, the very back, for well over ten years. What better time to do an article like this than when you are already 3 days past deadline. Our thanks to Alvan Jones for this inspiration.

We have purchased another nice collection of Alaskan tokens. The better ones will be featured in up coming auctions. The rest will be on our next price list, maybe with next month's newsletter, or maybe not!

We have a two of nice older tokens listed in "For the Record" this month, along with a couple older mavericks. These are followed by newer items that have not previously been reported.

The Arts & Entertainment Network was in town recently recreating scenes for a show about the murder of Joe Vogler. I am sorry, but I don't remember the name of the program, but it looks at murders that affected whole communities. Our moment of fame may occur in this production. One of the staff came in and asked if he could put a sign on our door. So you may be seeing "551/Alaska/Rare Coins over a "Where's Joe" sign on national television sometime in the future

And, you must endure my ravings about the National Park Service.

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SEATTLE SOURDOUGH??

Last summer Bob Majni, Brian Denman and others made the most religious of all pilgrimages - to Dawson. This naturally included a stop in Skagway, and the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park. Bob was kind enough to send the "Junior Park Ranger" badge illustrated below.



Along with the badge came a "test" to become a "Seattle Sourdough." Excuse me! Seattle Sourdough??? In any case, the test is for kids. They must view a film and listen to a Ranger talk. Armed with this information, they can then become, ahhh, a Seattle Sourdough.

One of the questions is "Generally, which group was more successful; the stampeder who went north or the outfitters in Seattle?" Or how about "Who masterminded Seattle's advertising campaign?"

Was this written by the Seattle Chamber of Commerce?

I was just getting ready to write to complain about this, so I looked at the test booklet to see where I could complain to - 117 South Main Street, Seattle, Washington 98104. Big surprise, eh? The headquarters for a National Historical Park in Alaska is in Seattle.

This shows on a very minor scale the general arrogance of the federal government towards Alaska and the disregard it has for its people. The National Park Service seems to think the entire state is a national park (actually not too far wrong), and that it is there for their use and their use only. It has been my experience that the NPS discourages the use of the Parks by local citizens. Getting tickets for the shuttle bus in Denali is a real ordeal.

Examples of abuses by the National Park Service in Alaska are too numerous to mention in this short space. But probably the best question is this - Why do National Park Rangers need assault weapons? They were in evidence at least twice: on the peaceful Denali trespass and when the helicopters swooped in on the late Joe Vogler. Is there something wrong with this picture?

ENCASED CENTS, CONT.



FAIRBANKS: Horseshoe Cigar Store, date unknown, horseshoe, reverse unknown. Note: narrow lettering.



FAIRBANKS: Horseshoe Cigar Store, (1946), horseshoe, reverse 1. Note: wide lettering.



FAIRBANKS: C. Sullivan Realty Unlimited, (1951-?), horseshoe, reverse 1.



JUNEAU: Anita Garnick for Senator, Republican 1st Div./Terr. of Alaska, (1947), horseshoe, reverse 1.



KETCHIKAN: Hotel Connell, The best in Alaska, (1909 Indian), round, reverse 4.



KODIAK: Club Liquor Store, Ray Martin, Prop./Liquors-wines-beer/imported-domestic, (1941), horseshoe, reverse unknown.



NOME: Drop in Yorkey/Always the Best/Cigars & Tobacco, (1910) round, reverse 1.



NOME: Board of Trade Bar, (1964), horseshoe, reverse 1.



NORTH POLE: Home of Santa Clause, (1961-D), reverse 1.

ENCASED CENTS, CONT.



PETERSBURG: Little Norway Festival 1965, (1964), round, reverse 3.



SITKA: The American Legion, Dept. of Alaska, 1965, (1964), round, reverse 3.



WRANGELL: National Bank of Alaska/Wrangell Branch/ Grand Opening, 1965, (1964?), round, reverse 3.

FOR THE RECORD



DOUGLAS: Paul Bloedhorn, Jeweler & Watchmaker, advertising mirror/pin cushion. Multicolored, 60mm (submitted by Richard Reisinger).

FOR THE RECORD



MCCARTHY: Shushanna Bar, 25¢ I/T, aluminum, 28mm (submitted by Brian Denman).



WRANGELL: L. C. Patenaude, 10¢ I/T, 26mm, aluminum (submitted by Lew Egnew and Mike Barnhart, same specimen).



(MAVERICK): Northway Boundary Club, 50¢ I/T. Possibly from Northway, Alaska. Records must be checked to see if there is a business by this name.



(MAVERICK): Smoke Shop, \$1.00 I/I, brass, 30.3mm. This piece may be from Ketchikan. It is dug, and condition-wise resembles other beach-dug tokens from there.



(MAVERICK): Elite Bar, 12½¢ I/T, brass, 21mm. Just a nice old token. Any ideas, and evidence to back it up?!



(MAVERICK): The Idle Hour, 5¢ I/T, brass 24mm. Another nice old token.

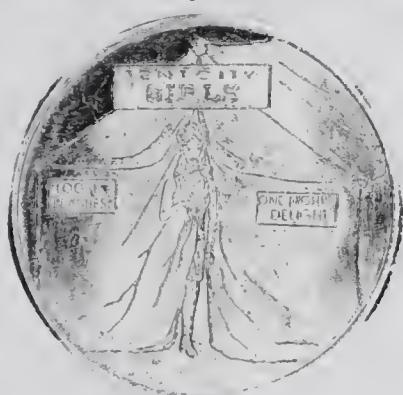
FOR THE RECORD



ANCHORAGE: Anchorage Trolley Tours, two different obverse legends. Brass, 28mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



ANCHORAGE: VFW 1685, good for one drink, two varieties of lettering. The Good/For is also on a thin planchet, while the Good For/One is on a thick planchet (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



ANCHORAGE: Ship Creek Saloon, Good for one night's delight , 10 Local Beauties. Struck in yellow bronze and copper colored bronze, 39mm. A pseudo-whorehouse token (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



FAIRBANKS: Coin King 2000 (laundry), 22mm, copper-nickel. Previous issues with a silver colored finish were plated on brass.



FAIRBANKS: 18th Annual Communication, M.W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska. Oxidized silver finish on a base metal (cast?), 39mm.

HAINES: Teddy Bear Coffee Shop, 10¢ (25mm) and 25¢ (27mm) I/T, aluminum. Any idea of vintage? (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



HOONAH: L. Kane, 50¢ for check cashing purposes only. Black on white plastic, 28mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



PALMER: American Legion Post 15, 1990, Matanuska Valley Country Club. 32mm, aluminum (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



WASILLA: VFW Post 9365, Good for one well drink. Aluminum, 32mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk)

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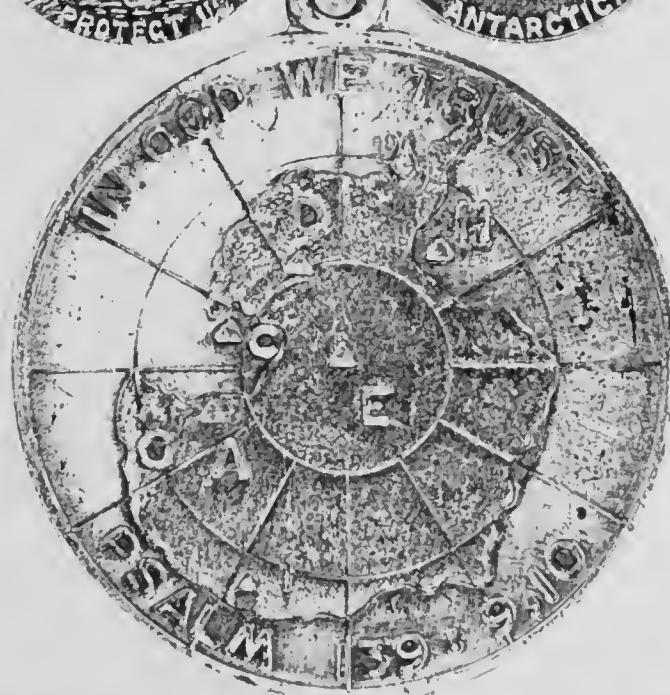
OPERATION DEEPFREEZE RELIGIOUS MEDALS

The International Geophysical Year 1957-58 was the greatest scientific expedition ever. Eleven nations established nearly 50 scientific stations on the Antarctic continent and adjacent islands. The United States contribution to the IGY was "Operation Deepfreeze." Logistical support was provided by the United States Navy. Their mission would run from 1954 to 1959. Prior to IGY, the Navy would be constructing the bases that would house the personnel engaged in scientific research.

Religious medals were made for the personnel participating in Operation Deepfreeze II, III and IV. The standard reverse is shown to the right. The only difference on the medals is the number indicator for Deepfreeze. Additionally, Deepfreeze IV carries different dates, 58 - 60. It is interesting that the Deepfreeze II and III medals carry the same dates. We do not have a Deepfreeze IV to illustrate.



The Catholic version of the medal carries the legend "Our Lady of the Snows Protect Us." A Madonna is the central figure, with penguin to the left, an explorer to right, plane above, tracked vehicle below, and a ship at 9:00. The piece illustrated is interesting in that it appears to be a remainder from the manufacturer. The loop at the top of the medal is not complete, and the hole is not punched.



The Protestant version carries the legend "In God We Trust, Psalm 139: 9,10 (If I take the wings of morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me) and a map of the Antarctic continent showing U.S. scientific stations. There is a change in stations from the II to the III

(continued on page 40)

EDITORIAL

It has been an interesting month. I was planning on doing this article. Then, Office Max ran a 29 cents color copy special, so I thought, ok, do the Thane Gold article. But I could not find the supporting data that I wanted from the old newspapers. So, a last minute switch back to the Antarctic article was in order.

On top of that, my Netscape crashed this weekend, and I had to load on a new one. I lost all my bookmarks, so yesterday was devoted finding the sites that we use every day and bookmarking them again. You know, a 12 year old probably could have dealt with this problem better than me. There are still some minor glitches, but so long as it works, I am not going to download Netscape again (4 hours!).

We are working on our October Auction. The next issue will probably be a Sept.-Oct. issue, mailed in mid-September so that we can include the Alaskan listing from the auction.

In the January editorial, I told you about the problems we have had with our son, Kenton. Kenton has now been in Western Samoa for nearly 10 months. In the last two months, we have seen a change in his attitude, and even his hand writing. Based on our experience with the program, we expect that he will be in it for another 9 to 12 months.

If any of you know of a teen in crisis, please, have the parents call or email me. We have no doubt that this program has changed and saved lives (home 907-479-3259; work 907-452-6461, 4 hours behind east coast time).

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DEEPFREEZE, cont.

medal. Station "C" is replaced by station "B" on Deepfreeze III. I wish that I had a IV so that I could see the station designations!

The scientific stations are as follows:

A = Scott/Mcmurdo/Williams Air Operation Facility.

B/C = Little America V

D = Byrd

E = South Pole

G = Cape Hallett

H = Ellesworth

I = Wilkes

All the specimens appear to be silver, but only one of the medals is stamped "sterling." Their diameter is 33.5mm. The Deepfreeze III is engraved "Curtis E. Brown."

For more information, read "Operation Deepfreeze" by Rear Admiral George J. Dufek, commander U.S. Naval Support Force Antarctica.

ANTARCTIC GUERNSEY



Featured above is a 63mm bronze medal awarded by the American Guernsey Cattle Club to the Byrd Antarctic Expedition II. "Iceberg" (on the pin) was born on Dec. 19, 1933 on the expedition.

PRELIMINARY LISTING OF ALASKAN ADVERTISING ENCASED CENTS

CONTINUED

Our thanks to Ron Benice, Kaye Dethridge, Lee Poleske and Alvan Jones for adding to our previous listing and supplying additional information.

Please note that reverse 2 reads "Keep me and you will have good luck." The word "always" should not be in there. For description of reverses, refer to last month.

ANCHORAGE: City Transfer, 1936. More information is needed on this one.

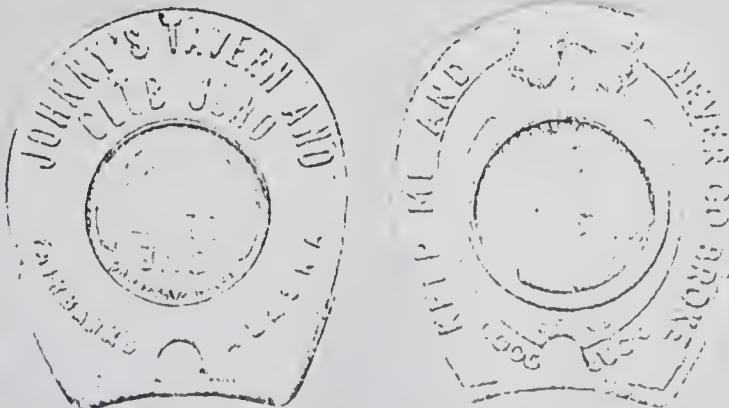
ANCHORAGE: Club Ebony/312 E. 4th/Anchorage, Alaska/ Z.R. Lawrence - M.B. Hopkins, (1948). A black-owned business.

ANCHORAGE: Rain Check Myrtle S. Stalnaker/ Club 25/ Anchorage, Alaska. Found with both 1945 and 1953 cents. Two different issues???



(ANCHORAGE): J.C. Morris for Representative/ Republican 3rd Division/Territory of Alaska (1946), horseshoe, reverse 1.

(FAIRBANKS): Essie R. Dale. Born in Kansas in 1881, arrived in Fairbanks approximately 1937. Democrat National Committeewoman 1948-52, Territorial House of Representatives 1949. Died in Fairbanks in 1965.

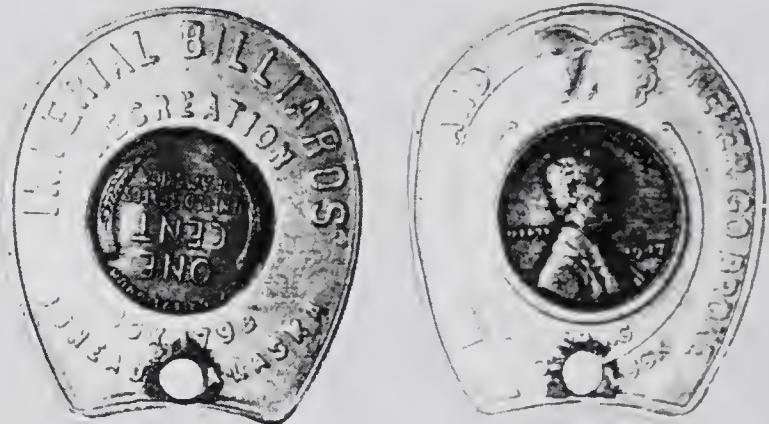


FAIRBANKS: Johnny's Tavern and/ Club Juno/ Fairbanks, Alaska (unknown), horseshoe, reverse 1.

(JUNEAU): Anita Garnick for Representative/ Republican 1st Div./ Territory of Alaska (1946, 1947), horseshoe, reverse 1 (shown last month)

(JUNEAU): Anita Garnick for Senate (exact legend unknown) (1947), round, reverse unknown.

(JUNEAU): H.S. Graves The Clothing Man (exact legend unknown) (1928), round, reverse unknown.



JUNEAU: Imperial Billiards/ Recreation/ Box 1798/ Juneau, Alaska (1947), horseshoe, reverse 1.



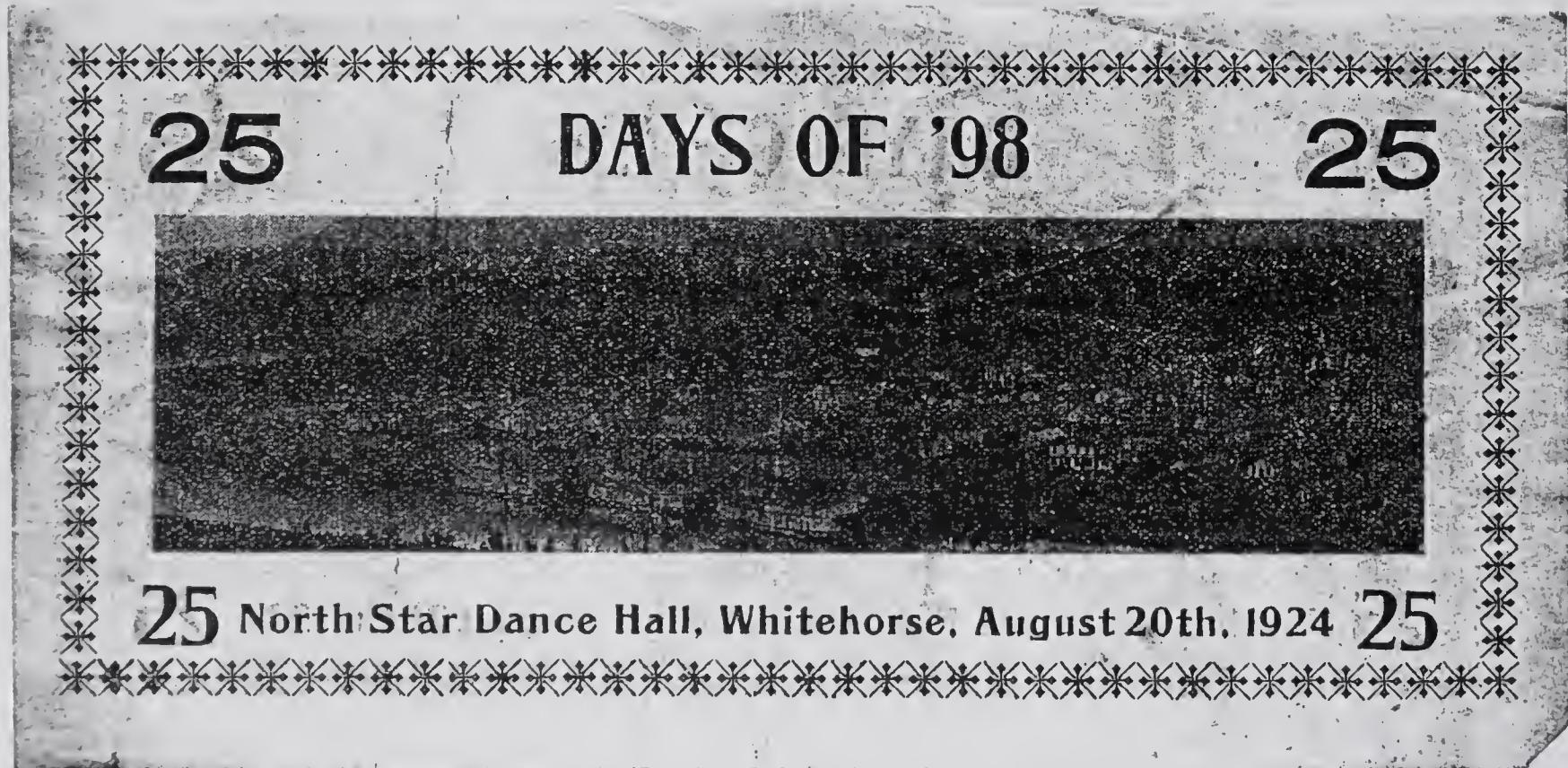
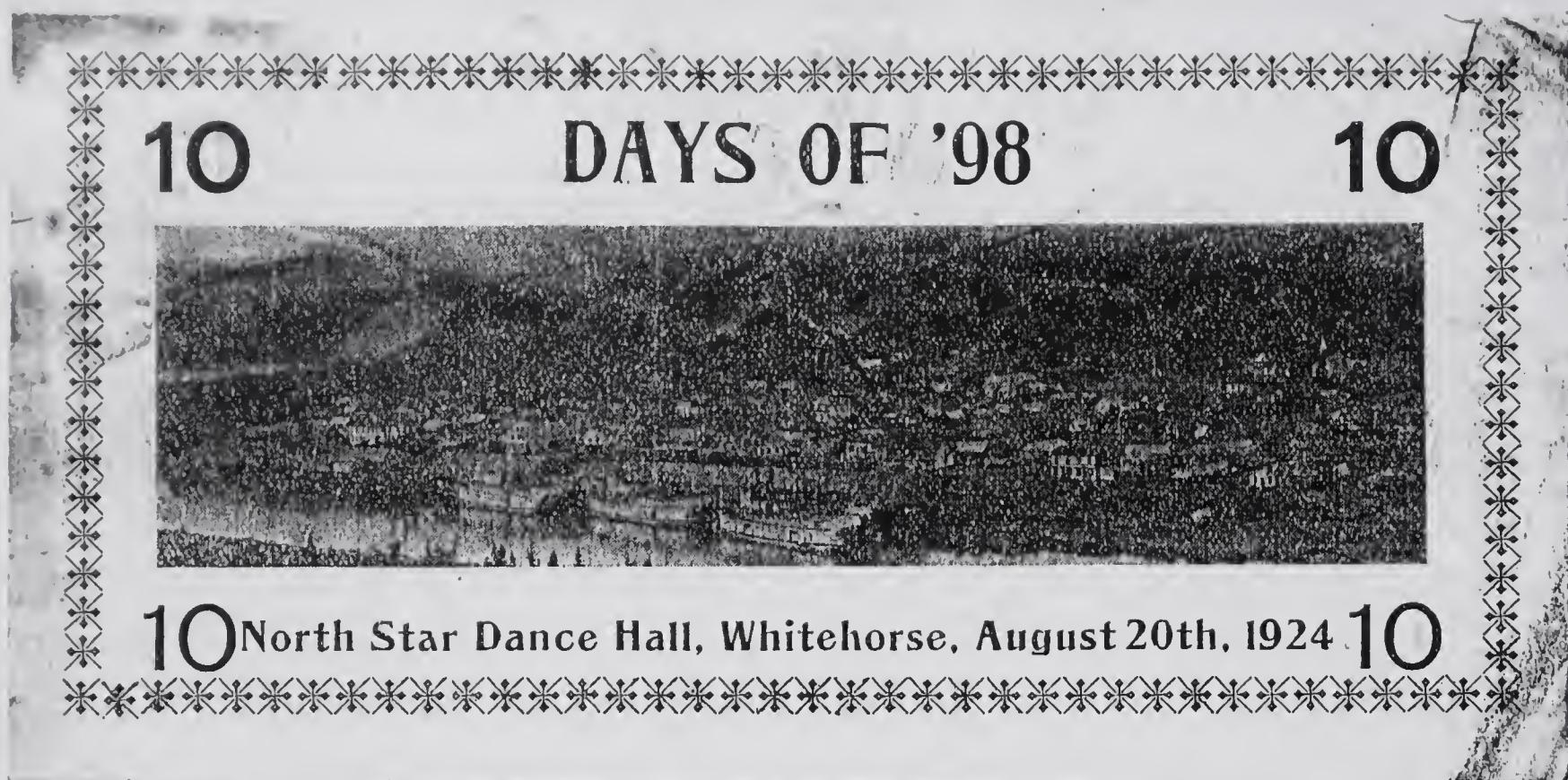
(KETCHIKAN): Eat Midnight Sun Brand Food/ Products/and be healthy/Bergseth Fish Co. (1929), round, reverse 2.

SITKA: The American Legion encased cent is found with both 1964 and 1964-D cents.

WASILLA: Eskimotel & Kashim Room (exact legend unknown) (1967), horseshoe, reverse unknown.

Illustrations from Rubles to Statehood by Fernald and McDowell and Alaska's Coinage through the Years by Gould, Bressett and Dethridge, both published 1965

WHITEHORSE DAYS OF '98 SCRIP



WHITEHORSE: North Star Dance Hall, August 20, 1924. The "10" is black on pink paper, while the "20" is black on yellow paper. Both have a riverfront scene of Whitehorse with river boats tied up along the river. Front and back are the same. The size is approximately 171mm by 85mm. A later issue can be found in the August 1987 issue, page 34 (submitted by Candy Waugaman).

FOR THE RECORD



ALASKA: DEW Line, America's First Line of Defense, Project 572, 1956. Good Luck from the Land of the Midnight sun, Top of the World. Copper-nickel, 32mm, holed at top.



ALASKA: Dog team on obverse, horseshoe and 4-leaf clover, "I Bring Good Luck" on reverse. Octagonal brass, 35mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



ALASKA: Set of three one ounce silver rounds, each with a different bear: Black, Brown and Polar, dated 1999 (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



ALASKA: Spirit of Alaska, (B-2 bomber?) Reverse is Whiteman Air Force Base, Knob Nester, Missouri, Delivery July 27, 1996. One ounce silver round (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



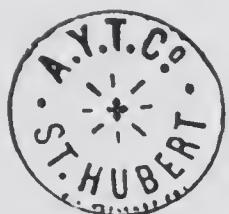
ALASKA: Coeur D'Alene Mines, Producing and Protecting. Reverse is map of Alaska with Kensington and Juneau noted. One ounce silver round (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



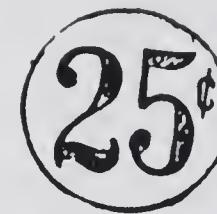
ALASKA: Alaska Army National Guard, Career Soldier. Reverse is Compliments of the State Retention Office. Oxidized copper-nickel, 39mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



ANCHORAGE: Temporary Affair, "Beer" (white on purple) and "Premium" (gold on white). Both plastic, 38mm. See also ATC&PN 96-32. Not a massage parlor. From 1980-81, it was a Cocktail Lounge at 8861 Jewel Lake Rd. (Anchorage Phone Directories). There is no listing from 1982-1986. From 1987 to 1994, it was a night club at 6100 Old Seward Highway owned by Edward James (Polk Directories) (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



ST. HUBERT
A.Y.T. Co.



The ship St. Hubert was built in the shipyards of J. Laing in Sunderland on the east coast of Great Britain. Lloyd's Register of Shipping shows that she had a gross tonnage of 3046, and was 320 feet in length. Her registered owner was the British & Foreign Steamship Co., and she was managed by Rankin, Gilmour & Co.

The name St. Hubert is an uncommon one. Jerry Schimmel's research indicates that there was a French owned 3 masted barkentine built in 1881 and the ship noted above. There are no ships recorded with the name "Hubert."

It is based on this lack of information that we presume that the St. Hubert on the token issued by the A.Y.T. Co. was for use on the St. Hubert built in 1890. Just how she came to be in the service of the Alaska-Yukon Transportation Co., we cannot say. It must be noted that many ships, sea-worthy and otherwise, were used to transport miners to Alaska and Yukon during the gold rush. It would not be unusual for a ship's owner to dispatch a vessel to the west coast to take advantage of stampeders willing to pay almost anything to get to the gold fields.

The Alaska-Yukon Transportation Company was engaged in transporting freight and passengers to Alaska, apparently going from San Francisco to St. Michael. At St. Michael, passengers and freight would be transferred to river steamers. Jerry Schimmel reports that the Alaska-Yukon Transportation Co. is found only in the 1898 Business Directory and no other (see page 46).

ALASKA - YUKON TRANSP'N CO.

H. J. Barling president, S. F. Weeks secretary, transportation of freight and passengers to Alaskan points via St. Michaels and Yukon River, office 3 Steuart st.

San Francisco Call, April 2, 1898

The token bears the die sinker signature "C. A. Klinkner Co." of San Francisco. Mr. Schimmel says that this marking was not used after 1898. Kappen, in "California Tokens," says that L.H. Moise purchased C.A. Klinkner in 1897 and the firm was then known as Moise-Klinkner. The 25 Cents token is brass, 21mm. A 50 Cents token recently sold in England. As with most Alaskan tokens attributed to use on ships (ocean-going and river steamers), the exact use is not known. It is presumed that these were used for meals. Other uses could have been on-board slot machines and music machines, however, the 25 and 50 Cents values seem too high for amusement purposes.

Based upon this circumstantial evidence, we are comfortable attributing these tokens to the St. Hubert as noted above, as it was transporting gold seekers and freight from San Francisco, California to St. Michael, Alaska. Now the question is - is it Californian or Alaskan, or even Yukon as the time frame is correct for the Klondike Gold Rush!

(illustration on page 46)

EDITORIAL

Our thanks this month go to Jerry Schimmel for providing most of the background information for the St. Hubert article. Lloyd's Register provided some detailed information about the ship's construction that we did not include in the article. One item that we left out that we should have included (the front page has already been printed) is that the St. Hubert was sold in 1904 and renamed the Yedo Maru and that she sunk in Sept. 1912.

Thanks also go to Bob Sommer of Galena. Bob is the general manager of the semi-public radio station in Galena, and he brought in the Galena tokens that you see in this issue. I can't imagine how many modern tokens from bush villages go unreported. This really is an unexpected bonus.

Jerry Remick reports on the latest trade dollar from Gander, Newfoundland.

Finally, thanks go to Vladimir Belyaev of Moscow for tracking down the new set of Spitzbergen tokens. The packing material may have been worth the price of the tokens - the Russian version of "Playboy". Hmm. Can't say we got it to read the articles!

With this newsletter you will find the Alaskan lots from our October 16 auction. There are some really nice tokens here, and some seldom offered encased cents. Don't miss this opportunity to add to your collection. Items like these do not surface everyday. Look it over carefully, count you pennies (or PFDs) and bid liberally. If you would like the complete auction, please call us at 907-452-6461 or email.

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GANDER \$2 TRADE COIN



Canada's new AW520 Cormorant Search and Rescue helicopter is pictured on the obverse of the 1999 \$2 municipal trade token issued by the Gander and Area Chamber of Commerce. This token is the 18th in their series. The Cormorant replaces the aging "Labrador" which has a long and distinguished service record in Canadian search and rescue operations. The Cormorant is billed as the new generation search and rescue helicopter. It is designed to fly in all weather conditions with hi-tech radar and de-icing systems. Dependable and safe because of three powerful Canadian-built GE T700 engines, it provides a maximum take-off load of 32,100 pounds and a cruising speed of 150 knots.

The reverse side depicts the Newfoundland Bonding and Composites Ltd. building, currently under construction, is situated at Gander Aeroplex Center, adjacent to Gander International Airport. this new manufacturing facility will provide advanced composite and bonded metal components for the aerospace and other industries. This building will have 6,500 square feet of office space and 52,200 square feet of manufacturing space. A contract already includes component fabrications for the AW520 Cormorant helicopter for the Canadian Armed Forces.

Doug Seaward of Gander designed the token. Lawrence Medallic Art of Etobicoke, Ontario struck 5,000 tokens on 33mm nickel-bonded-steel blanks and 500 on gold plated NBS blanks. These are available from the Gander and Area Chamber of Commerce, 109 Trans Canada Highway, Gander, Newfoundland, Canada, A1V 1P6 for \$2.50 and \$9.20 postpaid, respectively.

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UNUSUAL PIPELINE MEDAL



The item above is lot number 254 in our October 16 auction. This is the first we have handled and only the second that we have seen. Reproduced below is the pamphlet that comes with the medal.

This Medallion is crafted by N.Z's finest artists and is limited to a maximum striking of 200 only Solid 18ct. Gold and, 1800 Solid Pure Silver.

The Medallion was designed by George E. Hawkins, Master models sculptured by Alan Gilderdale Dip. F.A. Lond. F.R. S.A. and struck in Auckland, New Zealand.

This mammoth undertaking was started in April of 1974 by eight major oil companies known as Alyeska Pipeline Service Company. The estimated final cost is in excess of 7.7 billion dollars.

The pipeline length is 800 miles and starts at Prudhoe Bay, finishing at Valdez. Its capacity is 1.2 million barrels of oil per day which can be increased

to 2 million barrels per day. The estimated North Slope recoverable crude oil reserves are 9.6 billion barrels.

Workmen on this project have at times worked in temperatures close to 200 degrees below freezing.

Medallions Official Number.

248 *George E. Hawkins*

George E. Hawkins, Medallist.

Now, has anyone seen the 18 kt. version mentioned???

SPITZBERGEN TOKENS



Above are illustrated new, 1998 tokens issued by Arctikugol, the Russian mining concession on Spitzbergen. Denominations are expressed in Rubles and fractions of Rubles: 0,1; 0,25; 0,5; 1; 2 and 5 Rubles. Note the use of the comma in place of a decimal point as is common in Europe.

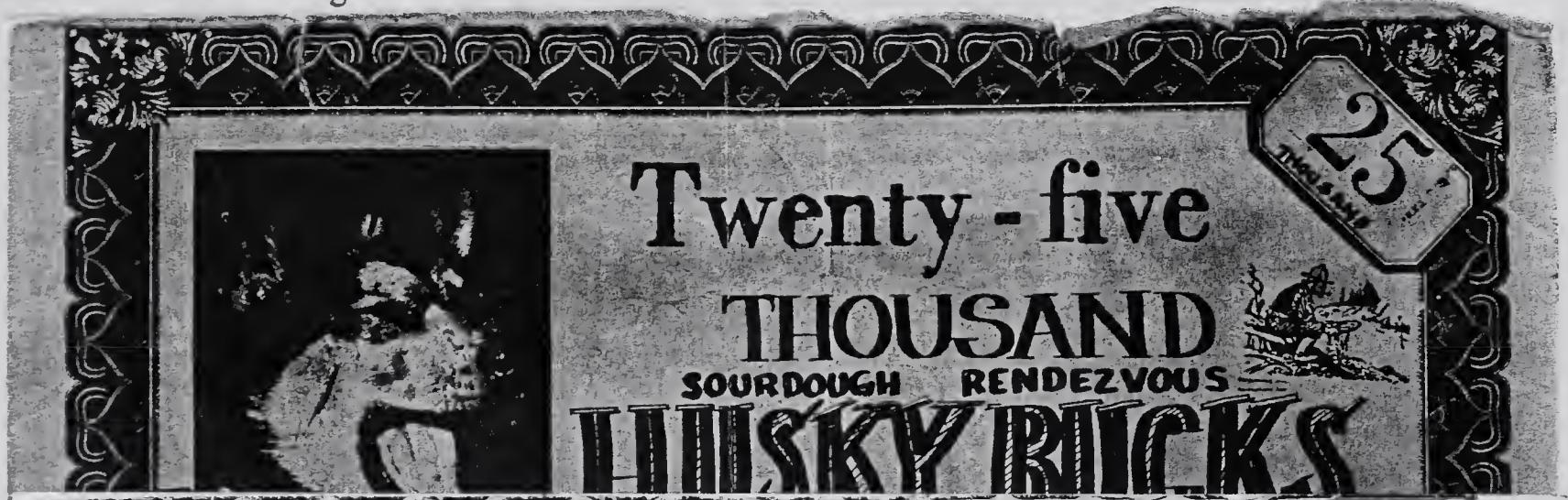
All tokens feature a map of Spitzbergen and a polar animal. The aluminum tokens have a walrus, the brass a polar bear, and the cupronickel a whale.

Each token has the legend АРКТИКУГЦПЬ (Arctikugol - Arctic Coal) and ШПИЦБЕРГЕН (Spitzbergen) and the mint mark of the Moscow Mint. The 0,1, 0,25 and 0,5 tokens have the additional legend РАЗМЕННЫЙ ЗНАК which has been translated for us as "small change token."

JIM ROBB'S YUKON PAPER POTPOURRI



WHITEHORSE, Y.T.: Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous, 1962, "gambling money." Possibly first year of issue. Common front above. Backs showing known denominations below.

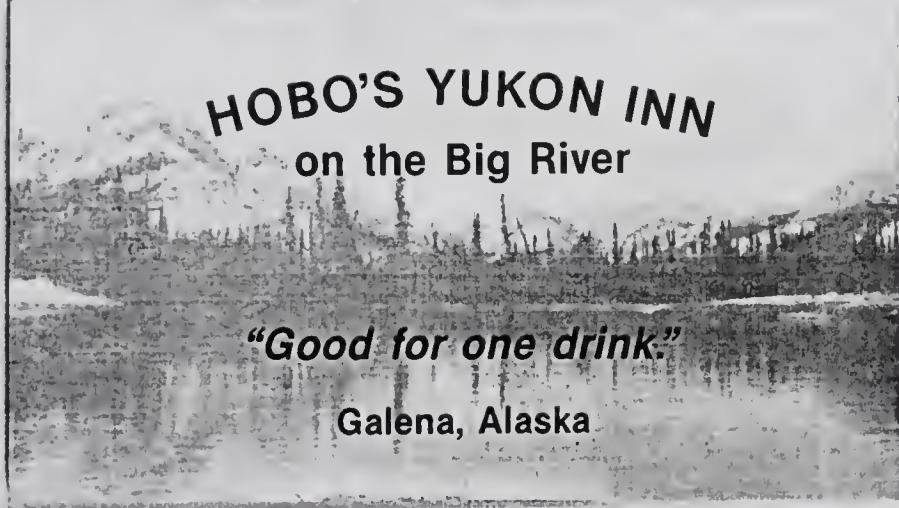


Paper and printing colors not reported.

FOR THE RECORD



FAIRBANKS: Alaska Goldpanners, Midnight Sun Baseball Game, June 21, 1999. Brass, 32mm.



GALENA, AK: Hobo's Yukon Inn on the Big River, Good for one drink. Black on blue card.



GALENA, AK: Hobo's Yukon Inn, good for one drink. Black on wood.



GALENA, AK: Archie's Yukon Inn, Good for one drink. Plastic, 38mm. Black printing on gray, pale green, bright blue, red, hot pink, white and yellow. Seven different colors.



ALASKA: Alaska Golf, Hole in one in the midnight sun, Alaska Mint Golf. Brass, 20mm (submitted by K. Hawk).

SITKA: Elks/BPOE drink token. Bronze, 38mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



SKAGWAY: Corrington's Alaskan Ivory Co., 1985, Good for Fifty Cents in Trade. Alum., 32mm



RED DOG MINE: Production rate increase, Port site loading facility, 1997. One ounce silver with gold plating on the relief areas.



ALASKA: GCI, Competition at work, Local Services 1999. Set of three with three different eagle reverses. All one ounce silver rounds.

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ALASKAN TOKENS & MEDALS

Offered below is an assortment of outstanding Alaskan tokens, ranging from scarce to very rare, followed by other lots that may be of interest. This is the first time that some of these have been offered at public auction. For others, it has been many years since they have appeared. If you need these tokens for your collection, do not be bashful, as it will probably be years before they appear again!

ALASKAN TOKENS

ESTIMATE

220	Alaskan Token: Anchorage, Joe Flowers Cocktail Bar, 5¢ in trade, B-18aI . Some light corrosion, otherwise EF. Listed incorrectly in our last auction.	100.00
221	Alaskan Token: Chitina, Navada Bar, McCutchen & Griffiths, 12½¢, Native Copper, B-4a. One of the popular native copper pieces, relatively scarce. Natural VF.	125.00
222	Alaskan Token: Dalby, Joe Notti 25¢ in trade, B-1a. Very scarce token. EF with a few digs.	250.00
223	Alaskan Token: Eek, Gill McIntyre, set of 3; 25 and 50 Cents, \$1 in trade, B-1, a-c. A surprisingly scarce set. Overall Fine to VF with the usual circulation scratches found on tokens from small villages. None are detracting.	200.00
224	Alaskan Token: Fairbanks, Alaska Patty-Cake Bakery, One Loaf, B-3a. A cardboard token. Many do not value the cardboard pieces as we feel they should. Cardboard is very perishable, and thus has a lower survival rate. Clean with no apparent creases.	50.00+
225	Alaskan Token: Fairbanks, Fairbanks Cigar Store, \$1 in trade, B-17a. A neat bi-metal piece, grading AU-BU. The copper plug is toned brown, the aluminum still lustrous. They don't get much nicer than this.	400.00+
226	Alaskan Token: Fairbanks, Horseshoe Cigar Store, spinner token - it has a raised pimple on the obverse and an arrow on the reverse. Not listed in Benice as it is not a trade token. Probably from the 50s. Seldom seen. (see below for an encased cent).	75.00
227	Alaskan Token: Fairbanks, College Bus, 12½¢ in transportation, B-T3a. A very scarce Alaskan Transportation token. Fine, a little dirty.	175.00
228	Alaskan Token: (Flat), The Branch, Al Currie, 25¢ in trade, B-1a. Another very scarce token. Fine with no detracting marks.	175.00
229	Alaskan Token: Ft. Gibbon, Post Exchange, 5¢ in trade, B-1a. Early military tokens from Alaska are very rare and in much demand. This specimen is VG with a few scratches, and a little corrosion, in keeping with a token that has circulated quite a bit. This token would be acceptable to an advanced collector.	400.00+
230	Alaskan Token: Haines, W.R. Smith, 12½¢ in trade, B-12a. Fine or so with no detracting marks. This token has seen honest circulation.	200.00
231	Alaskan Token: Hawk Inlet, P.E. Harris, 10¢ in trade, B-1b. We have offered the 5¢ and 25¢ in a previous auction. Here is the chance to fill that space! VF with a few spots.	200.00
232	Alaskan Token: Juneau, Juneau Drug Co., 5¢ in trade, B-35a. A scarce piece, VF or better with some spotting.	175.00

ALASKAN TOKENS, CONT.

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233	Alaskan Token: Juneau, Juneau Drug Co., 6½¢ in trade, B-35b. The companion to the preceding lot. Not quite as scarce, but still a difficult piece. VF or better.	125.00
234	Alaskan Token: Juneau, M & J, 6½¢ in trade, B-44a. Sharp EF, dark. Tough token.	150.00
235	Alaskan Token: Juneau, Randle's Bar, 5 ¢ in trade, B-62a. Another R-7 token. VF or better, but it has been cleaned.	150.00
236	Alaskan Token: Nenana, The Portland, \$1 in trade, B-6a. Some discoloration on both sides. Some bubbling in the word "Trade". Probably a dug piece. Still 100% legible and not as bad as it sounds. Worthy of strong bids.	300.00
237	Alaskan Token: Nome, North Pole Bakery, 5 and 10¢ on meal ticket, B-39, a and b. The 5 Cents token is discolored and corroded, but still legible. The 10 Cents token is EF or better. Two scarce tokens.	300.00
238	Alaskan Token: Northern Commercial Co., "T" in diamond, B-3b. Probably for use on their river steamer "Tanana". Exact usage is unknown. A scarce piece of early river commerce.	175.00
239	Alaskan Token: Seward, The Northern, 12½¢ in trade, <u>oval</u> Native Copper, B-8a. This is the scarce variety of the Seward Native Coppers. This specimen is EF.	250.00
240	Alaskan Token: Seward, The Northern, 12½¢ in trade, Native Copper, <u>two pieces</u> , B-8bII and B-8bIII. Both EF one lightly cleaned. Companions to the preceding lot.	80.00
241	Alaskan Token: Sitka, Tom Daine Billiards, 2½¢ in trade, B-6a. Odd denomination for Alaska. A very scarce token still exhibiting some mint luster.	350.00
242	Alaskan Token: (Takotna), Tacotna Cigar Store, 25¢ in trade, B-3a. A very scarce token, EF or better.	300.00
243	Alaskan Token: Valdez, W.H. Blackwell, Rowdy, B-2a. No denomination, but has the portrait of Rowdy, and the legend "There is Lots of Gold Around Valdez." A very popular piece. At first glance, this piece looks AU, but upon closer inspection, it has been cleaned. Very good eye-appeal.	250.00
244	Alaskan Token: Valdez, Copper Block Buffet, <u>two varieties</u> of the 12½¢ Native Copper tokens, B-4a and B-4b. Nice tokens, both EF or better.	100.00
245	Alaskan Token: Valdez, Gold Nugget Token, Copper Block Buffet, \$1 in merchandise, B-4cII. Fine or better with no distracting marks. This is the most affordable of Alaska's Gold Nugget Tokens.	800.00

ALASKAN ENCASED CENTS

246	Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition , Seattle, 1909, Indian Cent dated 1909. Shaped like a chamber pot, with the legend "Go way back and sit down", and "A pot full of money/Keep me and never be caught short." Very popular format for encased coins. This specimen is EF or better.	100.00
247	Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition , Seattle, 1909, Indian Cent dated 1909. More common round encasement with the legend "Keep me and never go broke." EF with some light corrosion.	50.00
248	Anchorage , J.C. Morris for Representative, Republican 3rd Division, Territory of Alaska. Horseshoe shape, cent is dated 1946. EF, still some luster apparent.	50.00
249	Fairbanks , Horseshoe Cigar Store. Horseshoe shaped, cent dated 1946. This is the wide letters variety. EF with light corrosion. Very scarce.	100.00
250	Fairbanks , C. Sullivan Realty Unlimited, Smiling Irishman. Horseshoe shaped, cent is dated 1951-S. Fairly well worn, let's say VG. There is also a slight bend. This piece was probably on a key chain.	20.00
251	Juneau , Anita Garnick For Representative, Republican 1st Division, Terr. of Alaska. Horseshoe shaped, cent is dated 1946. AU/BU with luster.	50.00
252	Juneau , Anita Garnick For Senator, Republican 1st Division, Alaska. Round shape, cent is dated 1947. AU, some light staining.	50.00

ALASKAN MEDALS

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253	Alaska Bicentennial Medallion, 1976. Struck by the Franklin Mint, these honored the bicentennial of the United States (not Alaska). The Franklin Mint was authorized to make a medal for each state. Sterling silver and bronze in original display box.	30.00
254	Alaska Pipeline Medal, 1977. Struck in silver by the South Pacific Mint in New Zealand. Yes, that's right. Obverse has a map of Alaska with the Pipeline and Alaskan Native and the legend "World's largest privately financed project/costing over eight billion dollars." The reverse has a view of the Pipeline in mountains and a moose, and the legend "Trans-Alaska Pipeline 800 miles Prudhoe Bay to Valdez/completion date 1977." Limited to a maximum mintage of 2000, this one is number 248. In case with descriptive literature. The first that we have handled, only the second we have seen.	100.00+
255	Alaska Statehood Silver Anniversary, 1984. One half ounce silver medal with goldpanner, totem and mountain obverse and map on the reverse. One of the many items issued for the 25th Anniversary of statehood, and one of the harder to find items.	25.00
256	Alaskan Comm. Region, Alaska Purchase Centennial, 1967, set of three, all number #25; sterling, brass and bronze. We believe only 25 of the sterling silver were struck. Very scarce.	100.00
257	Fairbanks, North Star Enterprises, 1963 \$2 Cheechako Grubstake, sterling silver, #21 of only 49 struck.	75.00
258	Fairbanks, Gold Nugget Coin Cache, 1964 2 Pinches of Gold Dust, sterling silver, #48 of only 49 struck. Very similar to the North Star Enterprises pieces, and listed with them in "Alaska's Coinage Through the Years."	100.00
259	Juneau, 1980 Centennial medal set of two, silver and bronze, both #32. Map and very neat totemic design.	30.00
260	Ketchikan, Elks 1429, 45 years of service, Alaska Purchase Centennial 1967. Set of sterling silver (#250) and copper nickel.	25.00
261	North Pole, Santa Claus House souvenir dollars, 1963, 1964-65, 1966 and 1967, sterling silver and brass. The first three silver medals are #85, the fourth is un-numbered as are all the brass. This set is surprisingly elusive.	120.00
262	Portage, Portage Glacier Lodge, Home of Million Year old Ice, Good for one ice worm cocktail at our Gold Rush Bar. Set of two, sterling silver and brass, both number 11.	75.00
263	Official Alaska 1 oz. Silver Medal, 1992, Proof-like, Eagle. This was the transition year, when the state awarded the contract to the Anchorage (now Alaska) Mint. Mintages were low because production did not start until late into the year. Only 3,297 Proof-likes were struck. These currently list at...	215.00
264	Official Alaska 1 oz. Silver Medals, 1993, 1994 and 1997, Proof-like. All are in their original flips. Respectively, these are the Wolf, Grizzly Bear and Musk Ox. Currently listing at...	260.00
265	Official Alaska 1/10 oz. Gold Medal, 1993. Only 298 were struck (Wolf on obverse). Mintages of many of the state gold medals are low and make an interesting numismatic collectible.	350.00
266	Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic, 1999. One ounce silver medal honoring this snow machine race from Wasilla to Nome to Fairbanks. First year of issue. No display box.	25.00
267	Dawson, Yukon, 1984 World Gold Panning Championships trade dollar struck in silver. The mintage is not known to us, but issue price was \$35. Also included in this lot are two medals celebrating Dawson's Diamond Jubilee (1902-1977) struck in a nickel alloy. A total of three pieces.	40.00



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THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING (AGAIN)

Do all you remember the movie, The Russians are Coming? It was comedy about a Soviet sub running aground on a sand bar off Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Well, it seems like the Russians just keep coming back to Alaska! The recent influx appears to be happening in Delta Junction, where bi-lingual classes are now held in Russian. With the 131st anniversary of the transfer of Alaska to the United States happening this past week (Oct. 18), I thought it might be appropriate to feature a few numismatic items that exhibit a Russian influence.

The first is the trade dollar issued by the Sitka Chamber of Commerce in 1963. The card that accompanied the sterling version says it better than we can.

The Faces on the Coin

Sitka was founded in 1799 by Alexander Baranof (center), Chief Manager of the Russian-American Company, at a site six miles north of the present city. The Tlingit Indians destroyed it in 1802. In 1804 the Russians under Baranof attacked a Tlingit fortification at Indian River. Under Chief Katlean (right), who used the Raven hat as his symbol, the Indians fought vigorously until lack of ammunition forced their withdrawal and permitted the founding of New Archangel, or Sitka. Baranof's deep understanding of the problems and his firm decisions made the colony flourish until his departure in 1819.

Secretary of State William H. Seward (left), a strong exponent of territorial expansion, negotiated the purchase of Alaska in 1867. Two years later he made a trip to the great land and visited Sitka, then capital of the new territory.



The centennial of the purchase of Alaska in 1967 was greeted with over 100 different medals and tokens. One was from Kodiak, the self-proclaimed King Crab Capital (well, maybe in 1967, but don't tell Dutch). It has a nice full front rendition of the Russian Orthodox Church on the obverse.

EDITORIAL

Just a quick issue before my annual religious pilgrimage to Phoenix. For those of you not so enlightened, there is a three week baseball tournament. I go down with a team made up mostly of guys from Fairbanks, and a few from Alaska's second city (Anchorage). We play in the over-30 tournament, in the lowest of the low divisions. I swear that we have the oldest 30+ team in the tournament. I would guess that half of us are over 40, and one is over 50 (not me!). The national organization, Men's Senior Baseball League puts on a great tournament over three weeks, with Father/son, 18+, 30+, 40+, 50+ and yes, 60+ for the first time this year with four teams!

As I sit here, I can vaguely remember other "Russian" motif Alaskan medals. Those featured were just those that we had on hand.

Has anyone seen the Alaska Aeronaut series of medals before? We have one other for Glacier Bay. This would be an interesting series to feature in a future issue. If you have a complete set, please let us know.

Our auction of October 16 is now past, and prices realized of the Alaskan items can be found in the next column. Also noted are the lots that went to mail bidders, if it was reduced from their maximum bid, and the total amount of reductions on the Alaskan lots. These auctions continue to bring very respectable prices, and you might consider using them should you decide to liquidate your Alaskan token collection. As usual, the more rare the token, the more interested and active bidders.

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PRICES REALIZED

Auction of October 16, 1999.

Lot	Brief Description	Winning Bid
220	Anchorage, B-18aI	80mb*
221	Chitina, B-4a	120mb*
222	Dalby, B-1a	195mb*
223	Eek, B-1, a-c	210mb*
224	Fairbanks, B-3a	160mb*
225	Fairbanks, B-17a	425mb*
226	Fairbanks, Horseshoe Cigar Spinner	65mb*
227	Fairbanks, B-T3a	210
228	Flat, B-1a	240mb*
229	Ft. Gibbon, B-1a	525mb*
230	Haines, B-12a	260mb*
231	Hawk Inlet, B-1b	110
232	Juneau, B-35a	270mb*
233	Juneau, B-35b	160
234	Juneau, B-44a	240mb*
235	Juneau, B-62a	240mb*
236	Nenana, B-6a	340mb*
237	Nome, B-39, a and b	340
238	Northern Commercial Co., B-3b	260mb*
239	Seward, B-8a	230
240	Seward, B-8bII and B-8bIII	65mb*
241	Sitka, B-6a	310mb*
242	Tacotna, B-3a	420mb*
243	Valdez, B-2a	260mb*
244	Valdez, B-4, a and b	85
245	Valdez, B-4cII	750mb*
246	AYPE Chamber Pot encased	70mb*
247	AYPE Round encased	30
248	Morris encased	30mb*
249	Horseshoe Cigar encased	90mb*
250	Sullivan encased	26
251	Garnick horseshoe encased	30mb*
252	Garnick round encased	20
253	AK Bicent. Medals	30
254	AK Pipeline Medal	90mb*
255	AK statehood 1/2 ounce	18
256	AK Comm. Region	90mb*
257	NS Enterprises 1963	40
258	Gold Nugget Coin Cache 1964	35
259	Juneau Centennial	26
260	Ketchikan Elks	16
261	North Pole Santa Claus House	70mb*
262	Portage set	20
263	1992 AK Silver	50
264	1993, 94, 97 AK Silver	60
265	1993 1/10 oz. gold AK	140mb*
266	Iron Dog medal	14
267	Dawson medals	30mb*

mb = sold to mail bidder. * = reduced bid. The total amount of bid reductions = \$1191. We note that all mail bidders purchased lots below their maximum!

RUSSIAN INFLUENCE



Kodiak is justly proud of its Russian heritage. Sol J. Urie issued many tokens, one set in copper, brass and aluminum noting the first year of the performance of "Cry of the Wild Ram" in 1966. These tokens were good for 2½ Rubles (we presume \$2.50, the price of a drink).



It seems that in honoring Alaska's Russian heritage, Sitka is keeping up with Kodiak. St. Michael's Cathedral is featured on a medal issued in 1969.



Harkening back to the "sealskin" currency of the Russian American Company, Marilyn Taranoff of Sitka issued a leather Kopeck in 1970. More information on this piece can be found in the October 1989 issue of ATC&PN.

Finally, the last piece we will mention is one that we had not seen before. It is part of the "Alaska Aeronaut" series, a series of eight medals commissioned by Alaska Airlines sometime after 1976. It features the Russian Imperial Crest on the obverse. It is sealed inside the illustrated folder, so we cannot report on the reverse. The design on the medal is very close to the illustration on the cover of the folder.

It should be noted that mention is made in the last paragraph of the settlement of Nikolaevsk. This is a town founded by "Old Believers" just near Anchor Point on the Kenai Peninsula. More information on "Old Believers" can be found on the net at <http://homepages.go.com/~oldbeliever/index.html>.

ALASKA AERONAUT



THE RUSSIAN IMPERIAL CREST

Alaska has been part of the United States only since October 18, 1867, but for more than 100 years before that, it had been part of the Russian Empire of the Czars. Vitus Bering made a landfall near Mount Saint Elias, on the Alaskan Coast, on July 16, 1741, but serious attempts to settle the area were not made until late in the 18th century.

The touch of Mother Russia is still evident in many parts of Alaska, all the way from the impressive Saint Michael's Cathedral in Sitka out to the small villages in the Aleutians with their tiny chapel-sized churches.

We salute this Russian heritage in the design of this medallion, which uses the double-headed eagle, the symbol of the Russian Empire and the Empress Catherine II, whose reign saw the major exploration and settlement of Alaska by the Russians. Crests of cast iron, like these, were placed by Russian explorers at secret locations as far east as Sitka, and as far south as Trinidad, California. Near each crest was buried an iron tablet proclaiming the area as Russian territory.

In the background is a sketch of the picturesque village of Ninilchik, established on the Kenai Peninsula in 1820 by Russian colonists and farmers. Russian place names and people of Russian descent can be found throughout the state. The newest Russian-influenced settlement is Nikoleevsk, founded less than a decade ago, and home for more than 200 Alaskans, many of whom fled the Soviet Union in search of religious freedom.

Joan Kimura, who designed the eight medallions on commission from Alaska Airlines, has been living and working in Anchorage since 1971, and has built a reputation as one of Alaska's most outstanding artists.

A native of Los Angeles, she studied at the L.A. Art Center, and then spent 17 years in the New York art world, working in both commercial and fine arts.

Since settling in Alaska, her work has appeared at the Color Center, the Artique, and in Alaska Methodist University's traveling show. She received the Mel Kohler Award in 1972 and was the winner of the competition to design a new flag for the city of Anchorage.

Ed Fortier, who supplied the background information about the medallions, was executive editor of Alaska magazine until he retired in 1976. He has been Alaska correspondent for the National Observer since 1962. He came to Alaska during World War II, and has made the state his home for over 30 years. During that time he has become widely known and respected for his knowledge and historical perspective of Alaska.

Alaska Airlines

If you would like an easel to display this and future medallion carrier cards, please write Alaska Aeronauts Program, 3201 C St., Suite 240, Anchorage AK 99503.

FEEDBACK - ST. HUBERT, A.Y.T. CO.

I have been aware of these tokens and Jerry Schimmel's research for several years. While I have to admit the attribution is probably correct, these tokens still leave me uncomfortable.

There is no evidence yet that the ship was ever owned or chartered by the A.Y.T. Co., or that the ship ever made it to Alaska. I found no record of the A.Y.T. Co. ever having an office or agent or permit in Alaska. The tokens are atypical and their possible usage questionable. But maybe the company was short-lived that it left no traces in the records other than the 1898 ad in San Francisco (and a couple of tokens?).

I have notes that one of Stan Cohen's books on Yukon River Boats has a list of "all" the boats, but I can't find

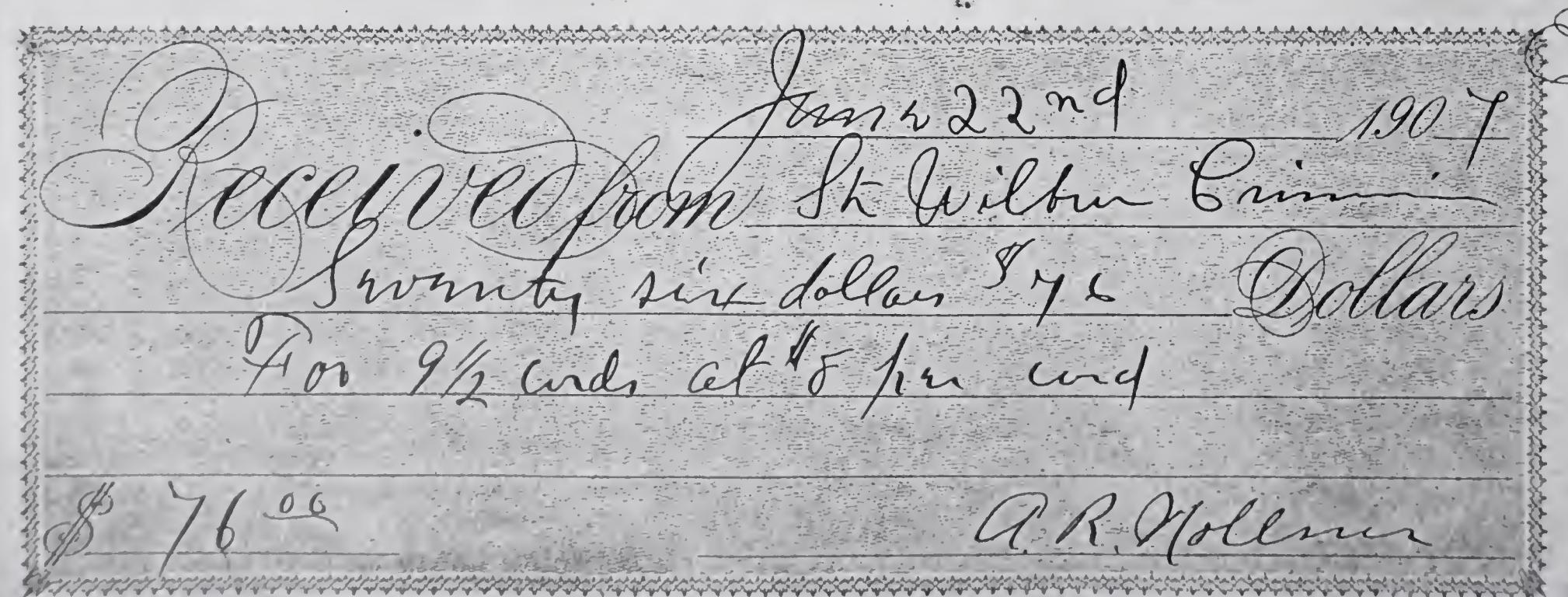
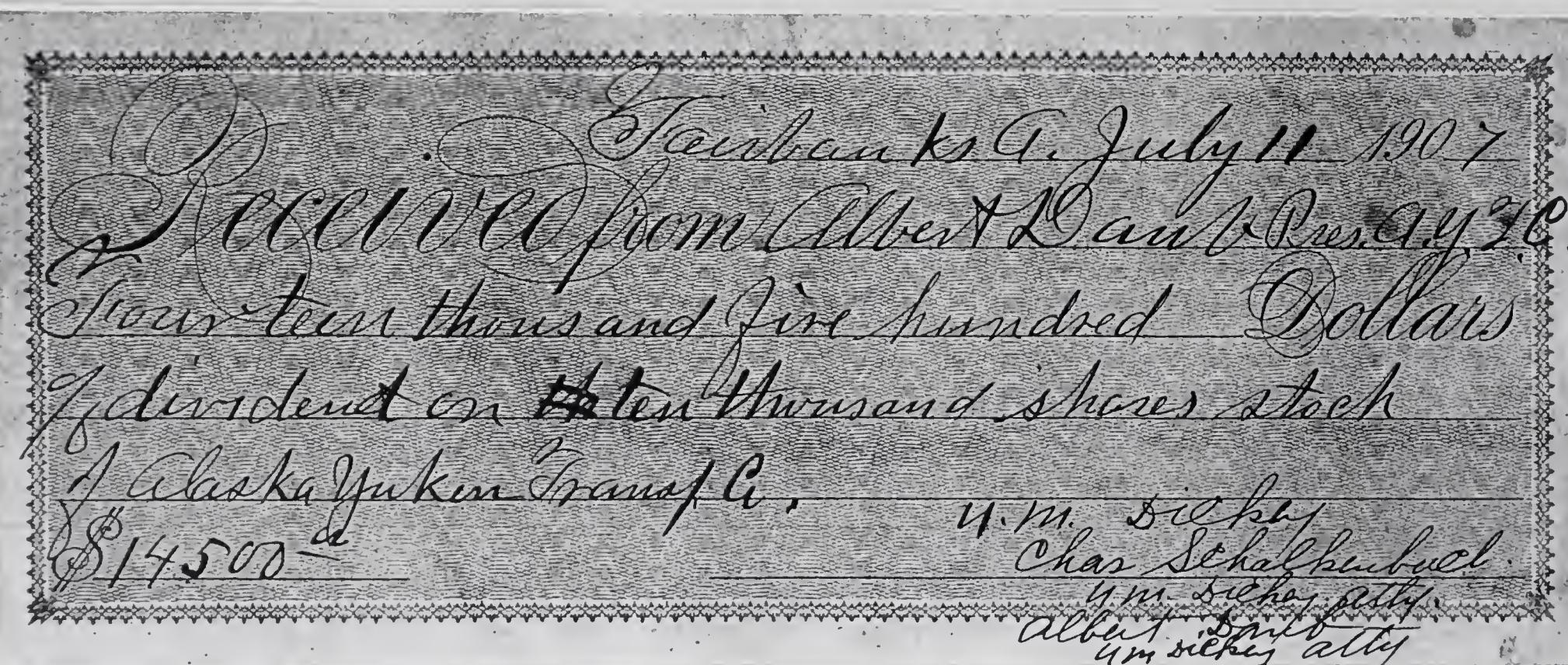
my copy.

And don't write off that three masted bark so quickly. There's an ad for a different three masted bark sailing to Alaska on the same page of ads in 1898!

-Ron Benice

Editor's Note: Cohen's book does not list a Hubert or St. Hubert. My first thought on this piece was a river steamer as there is a later company using the name Alaska Yukon Transportation Co. as shown by the receipts below. But these are dated 1907, and definitely out of the time-frame for the maker's mark on the token.

Note that the receipt for the Str. Wilbur Crimmin is signed by A.R. Nollner (Galena, B-1a).



FOR THE RECORD

**MIDNIGHT
EXPRESS**
Anchorage,
Alaska
1985

BEER

ANCHORAGE: Midnight Express, Beer. Black on white plastic, 38mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



CLEAR, AK: Clear Sky Lodge, Mile 280 Parks Hiway, Good for one drink. Aluminum, 39.5mm.



EAGLE RIVER: Elks Lodge #2682, good for one drink, gold on blue plastic (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).

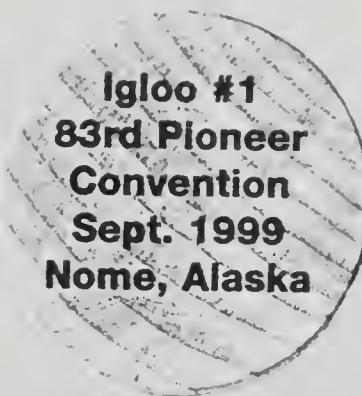


HOMER: Turner's Lounge, \$2.00 rain check. Brass, 32mm.



NOME: Pioneers of Alaska 83rd Convention. One ounce silver medal.

Igloo #1
83rd Pioneer
Convention
Sept. 1999
Nome, Alaska



NOME: Pioneers of Alaska 83rd Convention, Igloo #1, drink token. Black on wood.



SELDOVIA: Linwood Bar, Where You Otter Be, 1995. Gold on green plastic, 38mm (submitted by K. Hawk).



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WHITEHORSE, Y.T.: MacKenzie's R.V. Park, shower token. Brass, 22mm (submitted by Dave Gyles). Ad from The Milepost.



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THE KLONDYKE NUGGET THE OTHER CODY



The tiny Klondyke Nugget appears in both editions of Les Hill's Yukon token references. It has been a mystery until recently. A few years ago, a virtual warehouse of memorabilia was sold in Britain containing all the paraphernalia to advertise and promote a wild west show. This show was "The Klondyke Nugget", a wild west performance classified as a melodrama. The star of the performance was Samuel Franklin Cody.

Cody was born Franklin Cowdery in Davenport, Iowa in 1867. He went to school until he was thirteen, but then the next 10 years are a blank. By the time of his arrival in England in 1890, he has developed all the skills required of a wild west showman - a crack shot, expert rider and roper. He has adopted a new birthplace, Birdville, Texas, and a new name - Samuel Franklin Cody. To go along with his new birthplace, he has developed a life history to match his stage persona - buffalo hunting, cattle drives and gold panning in Alaska. All professions that would naturally lead to his proficiency in his stage skills.

With long flowing hair, beard and waxed moustache, S.F. Cody borrowed from his more famous namesake. Buffalo Bill Cody was not amused by another performer with the same last name. He took Samuel F. Cody to court to prohibit him from claiming to be Buffalo Bill's son, and prevent him from using the term "wild west show," which Buffalo Bill had made famous.

Cody began his career in the music halls in Britain, and toured on the continent. He returned to England about 1897 to write melodramas. Capitalizing on the Klondike goldrush, his most popular, "The Klondyke Nugget," is so successful, that it provides the funds for his first love - flying in all its various forms.

Sam Cody was involved in U.S. government experiments in kite flying about 1889 in Massachusetts. These are no mere child's toy, but kites designed to lift a man into the air for aerial reconnaissance. He continues these experiments in Britain, and gives kite performances between his stage performances. At some point in his European tour, his first wife is severely injured when she parachutes from a balloon.

By 1906, Cody has left the theatre to devote his time to flying. He first works on a glider kite with a 51 foot



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EDITORIAL

This month's lead article was compiled from sources on the Internet. I find it amazing that this information was out there. I also find it frustrating when I can't find the information I want! It is truly a wondrous tool.

As another year comes to an end, it is time to thank our faithful subscribers and article contributors. It has once again been a privilege to bring you this newsletter. We would like to thank, by name, those who have contributed information to the newsletter over the past year. Our deepest apologies if we miss anyone. In order of appearance, our thanks go to:

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As always, we are in need of information for the newsletter. The file is currently very thin. If you have an article, space filler or item for the record, please share this with other readers. We try to give appropriate credit on your subscription, but realize we have failed to do so at times. A not so gentle reminder would be in order.

Finally, our thanks to all who have supported this effort during our 21st year, and all previous years. Without your encouragement and support, we would have ceased publication long ago. Knowing that our efforts are appreciated is almost payment enough, however, we do need your subscriptions!!

Best wishes for a joyous holiday season and a prosperous new year. At this time next year, we will wish all a Merry Millennium (everyone knows that the next millennium does not start until January 1, 2001).

2ND 10 YEAR VOLUME

We are pleased to announce that the binding of the second ten year volume is nearly complete. We have received from the binder two matched sets - the first ten years and the second ten years. The first ten years was originally paper bound, but we had it hard bound to match the second ten years. We have these priced at \$250, postpaid. If you would like one of the matched sets, please give us a call at 907-452-6461 or email us at the address on the front page. Don't delay, as there are only two sets available.

The single, second ten year volumes should be available by mid-December. These will be priced at \$100, postpaid. We have only 8 available, and I believe 4 are spoken for. If you would like to reserve a copy, please call or email (send no money now). If you have already done this, please do it again to reconfirm. If there is sufficient demand, we may print more, but that will not happen until next summer at the earliest.

2000 AK STATE MEDALS



In anticipation of holiday demand, the Alaska Mint has released the year 2000 medals early. Illustrated above, the medal features a red fox. The medal is designed by Ira Levinton. Mr. Levinton also designed the 1993 wolf and 1994 bear.

These medal are minted in matte (the Alaska Mint still calls them Proof/like) and Proof. These are available from Alaska Rare Coins for \$17 and \$30, respectively. Please include \$3 per order for postage and handling.

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wingspan. This was flown on a wire as a kite, but when altitude was achieved, it was released and a pilot would guide the kite to the ground. This was followed by an unmanned motorized kite. It is obvious that at this point, Cody has his eye set on motorized flight. Unfortunately, the British government had their sights elsewhere.

The British government was instead interested in airships. Work had begun in 1902, but the Nulli Secundus (Second to None) was not completed until 1907. Cody's responsibilities were the engine, stabilizing and control surfaces and the design of the gondola. The airship was damaged after a record breaking flight, and resurrected as the Nulli Secundus II. She was never a success, and Cody transfers his attention to British Army Aeroplane No. 1.

There are a lot of holes in the S.F. Cody biography, but one thing is certain. "On the morning of the 16th of October, 1908, an aeroplane taxied towards the Swan Inn Plateau near Farnborough, Hampshire - south west of London. The machine ran across the plateau for about 60 yards before lifting off from the ground to an altitude of approximately 35 feet. The flight ended when, on trying to avoid a clump of trees, the left wing tilted down and struck the ground. The distance covered was 1,390 feet and the time in the air was only 27 seconds but those seconds were enough to ensure Farnborough's place in

history as the birthplace of British Aviation. The man at the controls of the aircraft - British Army Aeroplane No. 1 - was the American born showman turned aviator, Samuel Franklin Cody."(1)

Following the crash, Cody rebuilt BAA No. 1 using very little of the original machine. Continually evolving, his machines improved, despite disappointments and several crashes. His greatest success was winning the Military Aeroplane Trials in 1912. His machine was considered "outmoded", but Cody made sure that it fulfilled all the requirements of the War Office.

Appropriately, Cody met his death in 1913 flying his latest plane, a "water plane", crashing into a group of oak trees in Farnborough. Another source says it was a mid-air plane mishap. Whatever the cause of the crash, Cody was buried at Aldershot Military Cemetery, the first civilian to receive such honors. The funeral procession was over a mile in length and over 50,000 lined the route.

SOURCES:

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MAMBO CLUB



Every once in a while, a maverick grabs our attention. May be it was boredom from not buying anything for a while. Maybe it was love of a challenge (yeah, right). But in any case, while I was in Phoenix playing baseball, in my spare time, I found the above set of tokens.

In my six trips to Phoenix, I think this is the first thing I have purchased from "History by George," a shop selling historical antiques, collectibles, swords, military books, militaria, political, sports, tokens, US & foreign coins medals & stamps (www.historybygeorge.com) on Main Street in Mesa. But it is one stop I would not fail to make. He has such a diverse selection, there is no telling what he might have at any given time.

If these tokens were attributed, they probably would not be of interest. George could shed no light. Upon my return, I purchased another specimen of the "25" on eBay, also from Mesa, but from a different source. This source also did not know anything about them.

So, do these ring a bell with any of you. Let us hear from you.

UNIFACE BYRD MEDAL



Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd USN, Active in Antarctica 1928-38, 58mm, bronze finish. Small hole at top for suspension.

PUERTO WILLIAMS



Uniface, oxidized silver finish, 60mm, by Milled of Chile. Puerto Williams is noted as the capital of the province of Chilean Antarctica. Puerto Williams is primarily a naval base on the south side of Beagle Channel.

ALASKA AERONAUT

The Alaska Aeronaut medal set is comprised of eight medals. These are presented on a wooden plaque with "Alaska Aeronaut" across the top. The medals are presented in a straight row, with the following descriptions on the back.

Alaska Airlines -representing the people and heritage of Alaska, this medallion expresses the commitment of the airline to the state it serves.

Mt. McKinley - the highest peak on the North American continent, this majestic mountain is beloved by all Alaskans.

Glacier Bay - one of the world's most awe-inspiring sights, this massive ice field was called to the attention of the world by naturalist John Muir.

The Imperial Russian Crest - symbolic of the early Russian interest in Alaska and the Northwest, the crest is reflective of our Russian predecessors.

King Salmon - The Salmon is the pride of Alaska, because of the eternal wonder of its migration and of its vigor as a game fish.

Oil Rig - the oil rig, set against the shimmering Northern Lights, and with the wandering Caribou before it, symbolizes the new North, beyond the Arctic Circle.

Totem Pole - these towering columns, unique to Alaska and the Northwest, have been recognized as a truly great art form, fast disappearing from the world.

Eskimo Mask - with this medallion we pay tribute to the Eskimo, who learned to live in a hostile land, and develop their special kind of art.

MORE AK 2000 MEDALS



Just before completing this issue, the rest of the Alaska Mint year 2000 medals arrived. We have the complete assortment as follows:

1 oz. Silver Gold Relief	\$55.00
1 oz. Silver Proof	\$30.00
1 oz. Silver matte	\$17.00
½ oz. Silver	\$10.00
¼ oz. Silver	\$8.50
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FOR THE RECORD



(FT. WAINWRIGHT): 562nd Engineer Company (SEP), Sappers Forward. Arctic Sappers. Bronze, 38mm



(FT. WAINWRIGHT): 172nd Infantry Brigade (Separate), Coin of Excellence, Arctic Warrior Battalion. Bronze, enameled, 50mm

EDITOR'S NOTE: The information on the Alaska Aeronaut medals was already printed before we failed to give credit to its source. This information was provided by Kurtis Hawk.

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